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Trafalgar to sell 'Express'

The Daily Express, Sunday Express and Daily Star are to be sold as soon as Trafaigar House, the present owners, can find a buyer. Lord Matthews, chief executive, rold print union leaders that the group titles will be sold, together with the Morgan-Grampian publishing group, as a new company Fleet Newspapers. Unions have been told that all titles will continue to publish, despite heavy losses Page 15

Tory MP attacks lorry weights

A government proposal to raise the maximum lorry weight from 32.5 to 40 tonnes will not go through without a fight. Mr Hugh Dykes, Conservative MP for Harrow, East, said. "The Government may even have to withdraw the plan," he said New weights, page 5

EEC energy agreement

An agreement on energy pricing principles to be followed throughout the EEC will be formally endorsed at a Council of Ministers meeting tomorrow. Britain took the initiative because of complaints that its industries were being hit by unfair subsidies elsewhere in

Colour licence

now costs £46 The price of a colour television midnight, an extra £1 a month on the present fee of £34, which has been in force for two years. The cost of a black and white licence rises from £12 to £15 Back page

Maze solicitors in inquest clash

The 10 Maze prisoners all died from "self-imposed starva-tion" an inquest jury at Hills-borough, co Down, found. Solicitors for the next of kin were involved in clashes with the coroner when they tried to inject a political note into the proceedings Page 2

Esso drivers set to strike

staff seemed likely as workers at almost 40 deport yeard on the company's 5.1 per tens pay offer. Transport union members at the usually medicate Hythe terminal near Southampton voted overwhelmingly to strike

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ment's pay target, which means about a 7-per cent cut in the company's 5.1 per tens in the same of the final spending figure of 115bn is 55bn more than the Treasury's initial estimate of what previously agreed these another than the force the force of the

Sabotage cuts Angola's oil

Angola's oil output has been sharply reduced after Unita guerrillas blew up part of a refinery near Luanda. Petro-fina, which operates the plant, said it would be shut for two months. The Angolan Government has blamed South Africa Page 6



England crash to Test defeat

To an accompaniment of firefrom a crowd of 50,000 England were hustled to a 133-run defeat in the first Test match by India's seam bowlers, Kapil Dev (left) and Madan Lal, who took five wickets each Page 19

Winning return for jockey

John O'Neill, the former champion National Hunt jockey, rode a winner on his return to riding at Wetherby. O'Neill shattered his leg in a fall at Shattered his les ... Bangor 13 months ago Page 21

Leader page, 11 Letters: On the Scarman report, from the Rev Harry Potter, and others; Labour and Europe, from Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lord Chelwood; Lord Boyle trust, from Dame Janet Baker and others

Leading articles: Europe; In-dustrial training; Party political broadcasts

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Howe package may lead to income tax

Public spending at f115but next year will fall as a share of national output for the first time since the Government took office. In a statement to the Commons today the Chancellor is expected to say that despite various increases in public spending the public sector share of total ouput will drop from 45 to 44 per cent. He will be vague en what his means for his Budget next year, though the outcome of the Government's attempts to cut spending and raise revenues could be to give han room for significant tax cuts in the spring.

But the balance has been

But the balance has been achieved only by raising more from ratepayers, coincil tenants and the sick and by not fully compensating the unemployed for the effects of infation.

This is how the package will look:

RATES: They will go up by 15 to 20 per cent. This is be-cause of two things: the rate cause of two things: the rate support grant is being cut for England from 59 per cent this year to 56 per cent of total local authority spending. Secondly, the councils are being allowed to spend an extra flibn above the total autounced at Budget time. More than a third of this is for local authority subsidies on transport, notably in London. Council rents: They will rise more than the rate of inflation.

State industries: They will be able to borrow an extra £14bu to finance investment and cover losses caused by the continuing recession.

The unemployed: An extra £4bn will be provided for special measures to cut the dole quenes and train young

Defence: Treasury attempts to cut hig spending plans have failed. There is an extra £500m

next year. Notable areas for cuts are: Students: Their grants will go A strike by Esso Petroleum's year in line with the Govern-1,700 tanker drivers and depot ment's pay target, which means

figure of 115bn is £5bn more than the Treasury's initial estimate of what previously agreed plans ought to cost the Government now recognizes that

those estimates were built on excessively low guesses about pay rises and inflation. The Government thought that the total cost of all its goods and services would go up by 7 per cent next year. It now thinks that this is about 2 per cent too low, putting a further

squeeze on the volume of spending next year. The volume of spending is likely to turn out little different from the figure for the current year. The cash figure for 1980-81 is now thought to be shout 571hm. thought to be about \$24bn above its target at £107b. But as very large contingency re-serve is allocated to pay for any further spending decisions. The question of vital import-

ance still hanging in the air is what to do about the money from selling state assets such as the North Sea oil fields and gas assets next year. Pressure is mounting to use this money is mounting to use this money to finance tax cuts to stimulate the economy. At the same time as publishing his spending plans the Chancellor will give details of his latest economic forecast which shows output rising next year, the first such rise since he took office.

rise since he took office.

Wage earners will suffer from an increase in national insurance contributions, which might go up by as much as 11 per centage points to cover the cost of unemployment. This is equivalent to an increase of 1p to 12p in the pound for most ordinary taxpayers. It takes effect next spring.

all on board.

Benefits Sir Geoffrey faced con-Sir Geoffrey faced comminutes pressure from
ministerial colleagues and
Conservative backbenchers
yesterday to forgo a further
1170m to £180m of the savings
he was hoping to make next
year tJuken Haviland writes). Emphasis on the duty of working people to support the claim for a 17.4 per cent rise.

mountain near here in bad weather this morning killing

The wreckage of the chartered Inex-Adria Airways jet

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was found by search parties on

By David Blake, Economics Editor unemployed is a central theme

of the draft statement he will deliver in the Commons today. deliver in the Commons today.

With higher council rents, prescription charges and National Insurance contributions to announce he was reported to be still undecided about the political cost of denying full inflation protection to the unemployed, the sick and others drawing short-rerm benefits. term benefits.

term benefits.

The Treasury's original plan to raise all short-term benefits near year by 5 per cent less than the cost of inflation was defeated when Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for the Social Services, objected. Those payments, which affect about 40 per cent of all payments, will be fully price-protected next year. But short-term benefits, raised last month by 9 per cent. will be lower by about 2p in the pound than the present rate of inflation.

The cost would be £170m to £180m, and having been compelled already by his Cabinet colleagues to increase next year's public expenditure by some £5,000m more than was allowed for last March, Sir Geoffrey was reluctant to yield ar further sum.

Yesterday there were signs that he had relemted at least to the extent of holding his band until his Budget state-

Councils

Announcements to be made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for the Environment today will confirm that local authorities have won a big victory in their two-and-a-half year battle with the Government over spending (David Walker writes).

They will be allowed to spend £18,000m next year, £1,000m more than was laid down in the apparently inviolable limits in the public expenditure. White Paper in March, and reconfirmed in September by Mr. Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment.

However, the Government's share of that increa for England will be reduced from this year's 59 per cent Rete Support Grant to 56 or 57 per cent, leaving some £500m extra to be borne on the rates.

The concession on the total spending limits will mean that councils will have to cut ex-penditure next year by 3 per cent from this year's estimated level of expenditure, instead of the 8-9 per cent that would have been required had the Government's original targets still been in force.

That 8-9 per cent, which is the local authorities' estimate of the cut required, is made up of 2½ to 3 per cent for the rise in prices above the Government's allowance for inflation this reserved. tion this year, plus the 1 per cent the Government originally cent the Government originally proposed for the reduction in local authority spanding between this year and next, plus an estimated 4 to 5 per cent by which local authorities are exceeding the Government's targets for this year.

The Government has given in to councils this year because it could not face the political consequences of the chaos and damage that would be caused by forcing authorities to reduce staff and services by nearly a tenth in a single year.

Students

The only area of education spending that will be mentioned by the Chancellor today will be student grants. (Diana Geddes writes). He will amnounce that they will go up by only 4 per cent next year, in line with wages. That will mean a big cut in the real value of the grant because of the much higher rate at which prices are expected to rise. The minimum grant of £410 will also increase by only 4 per cent. The maximum grant for a The maximum grant for a student living away from home in London will go to £1.898; for a student living away from home out of London to £1,596; and for a student living at home to £1,227. The National Union of Students has put in a claim for a 174 per cont its

174 die as airliner crashes in Corsica

Ajaccio, Corsica Dec 1.—A The airport control tower lost Ajaccio's Campo Dell' 'Oro Yugoslav DC9 airliner carrying contact with the aircraft 10 airport, the destination of the 174 people crashed into a minutes before it was due to airliner does not have radar



Shirley Williams back at 'old men's club

A triumphant Mrs Shirley Williams returning to Westminster yesterday after nearly missing the train to London Living up to her reputation, she climbed aboard the 09.05 Liverpool to Euston express with less than a minute to spare. Having won Crosby for the Social Democratic Party and Liberal Alliance, worried SDP offi-

fully relish the thought of her Commons comeback. "It's an old man's club and the sooner the place changes

the better," she said.
"I'm delighted to be going back to do the job," she added, "but I won't pretend the Commons is a club cials drew increasingly anxious as the minutes ricked by and a Lime Street I enjoy. Before I stood in the byrail official said: "We are not hold-

ing up this train for anyone". As she tucked into a railway breakfast, Mrs but I can't pretend to like it.

Williams confessed that she did not "It's terribly out-dated: there's too much spare time boozing and too many old men. We could do with

more women to put it into shape with regular hours of 9 to 8. Having said that, I like politics, I like by-elections. I like campaigning and I like party work. I just don't like the Commons."

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Reagan aide cleared on payment

From Nicholas Hirst

Washington, Dec 1 The American Justice Department today cleared Mr Richard Allen, of breaking the law in receiving \$1,000 (£550) from Japanese journalists. But it is not clear whether he will be able to resume his post as the President's National Security Adviser from which he voluntarily stepped down at the

Mr Edwin Meese, the White House comsellor, said Mr Allen would not necessarily return if cleared. He said the decision would influence but not deter

Mr William French Smith, cluded that a special pro-secutor should not be appointed to investigate the payment A Justice Department statement said: "The department has not received or dis covered any specific informa-tion that Mr Allen violated federal criminal law."

Mr Allen received the money after helping to arrange an interview between Mrs Reagan and a Japanese magazine. It had not been intended as a gift to him and he had not intended to keep it, the Justice

Department said.
It was unclear, however, the department said, whether a special prosecutor should be appointed to look into Mr Allen's receipt of two watches and his disclosure that he made a mistake when declaring his financial affairs on taking

office earlier this year. Mr Allen has said he incorrectly stated the date when he sold his consulting firm. Last night President Reagan was evasive when asked if Mr Allen would be staying on: "We'll have to wair and see the outcome of this", he said.

the ourcome of this", he said. The Justice Department said it had imerviewed 36 people in America and Japan about the payment. Mr Allen said he had placed the money, given by the Japanese as a "thank you." for the interview with Mrs Reagan, in a safe, intending to hand it to the Treasury, but forgot about it. The Japanese have said the money was intended for charity. for charity.
The Justice Department said

there was no evidence the cash was intended for Mr Allen:
"In sum, when the uncontradicted facts are analysed in the context of possible applicable criminal laws, it is clear there was no criminal violation by Allen regarding the \$1,000". the statement said.

Mr Allen had not intended

to keep the money for his personal use, according to the statement. "Both Allen and his secretary agree on Allen's expressed intent to turn the money over through the proper

Peace formula put to **BL** union leaders

By David Felton and Clifford Webb

A new peace formula to end the month-long strike which has closed BL's Longbridge faca secret meeting between Sir Michael Edwardes, BL chair-man, and Mr Mostyn Evans, leader of the Transport and General Workers Union General (TGWU).

The plan, which was com-municated to Midlands officials of the union, calls for a return to work under the status quo to allow a four-week cooling off period for negotiations on

relaxation time.

While Sir Michael and Mr. Svans were holding their lunchtime meeting at a London
hotel, union pickets laid siege to the Longbridge plant, Only 3,000 of the plant's 10,000 pro-duction workers turned up for work yesterday. The company said that the number officially in dispute had risen from 2,200 on Monday to 4,000, but that figure does not take account of the further 5,000 who did not cross picket lines yesterday.

Leaders of Midlands lorry drivers pledged support for the strikers and said that no de-liveries of materials will enter the plant. Since the official pickets were mounted by the TGWU on Monday afternoon no components have been delivered and only a trickle of engines and gear boxes have left for the Cowley plant, near Oxford.

Mr. Brian Mathers, the TGWU's senior official in the Midlands, said the peace plan had been sent by teleprinter to the union's Birmingham office. "It means the men would resume with their full 12 per cent relaxation time allowances and it would be open to them to come out on strike again if the month produces nothing to satisfy them.

"I must emphasize, however, that because of the total lack of confidence in BL management which exists at present, I do not think that such a solution is a runner. We are deeply sus-picious of management's inten-tions," he said.

The strike started after the company proposed cutting the 52 minutes a day relaxation time allowance to 40 minutes to compensate for the introduction of a 39-hour working week. The last negotiating meeting broke down when BL proposed that the 40-minute target should be introduced gradually

by next April.
Mr Mathers said: "We have already offered to forgo our members' three-minute clocking in time allowance. We have also proposed that our members should produce as many cars in 39 hours as they did in 40 hours so that the company would not suffer any losses. This means that we would accept increased track speeds. It is thought likely that union officials will meet BL management in Birmingham to-

day to discuss the plan. Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engin-eering Workers (AUEW), the second largest BL union, was not invited to yesterday's talks although the union was aware they were taking place. The AUEW executive decided yesterday to pay strike pay to its members in dispute.

Mr Dennis Mills, chairman of the central union committee representing 5,000 West Mid-land lorry drivers, said the drivers would give total support to the BL strikers. The 3,000 workers who reported at Longbridge yester-day were employed mainly in the engine, gearbox and foundry areas.

Thatcherite economist says he was wrong

By Melvyn Westlake

Dr Alan Budd, who together was simed at bringing down with the Government's chief inflation, has also caused a economist. Professor Terry deep economic depression and a huge rise in the level of unemployment. Dr Budd has changed his clear deap least the poor. cies during the last two years, admits that a central part of his theory is wrong.

Delivering his recantation at seminar for economists in London yesterday, Dr Budd said that he no longer believed that inflation could be brought down reasonably quickly by allowing sterling's exchange rate to rise in value against other currencies. He now believes that the Government made a serious mistake last year when it allowed the exchange value of the pound to surge upwards.

Dr Budd is director of the Centre for Economic Forecast-ing at the London Business School which in the 1970s developed and elaborated a set of theories known as "inter-national monetarism". Those theories had a considerable influence on the thinking of leading Conservatives when in

After taking office, the present Government appointed Dr Budd's collaborator, Professor Burns, to the post of chief economic adviser and head of the government economic ser-

Dr Budd has changed his mind because the economy failed to behave last year in the way that it should if his theory had been correct. According to the theory, last year's rise in the exchange rate should have sharply reduced. Britain's import costs. That in turn, should have brought down inflation in other parts of the economy because, the argument went, world prices are the main determinant of prices in Britain when curren-cies float against each other. But things did not turn out that

Between the end of 1979 and the end of 1980, the exchange rate of the pound against a basket of currencies rose about 13 per cent. Ar the same time, average inflation in the main industrialized countries averaged about 12 per cent. But prices in Britain rose by no less than 18 per cent.

That soggests that inter-national competition has much less effect on the prices of our goods than exponents of international monetarism have accepted until now.

However Professor Burns and Dr Budd originally argued that "fears of massive unemmonetary policy are exagger-

ated ".

This assurance made the high exchange rate strategy so

A royal banquet

ruined By Hugh Noyes

Parliamentary Correspondent Senior politicians were last night hauled unexpertedly from a dinner being given by the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Prince and Princess of Wales when Mr Tam Daiyell, the unpredictable Labour MP for West Lothian, staged a one-man demonstra-tion and forced a division on whether the House should

djourn for the night. Dinner-jacketed MPs flocked back into the Chamber wondering what was going on as the division bells began ringing.

Mr Dalyell, who has been battling on behalf of factory closures in his constituency, suddenly arrived in the House. uddenly arrived in the House after discovering that the scheduled business of the day was folding up almost two hours abead of time. He demanded the right to initiate another debate.

Over at the dinner in the Speaker's house, as the division bells started clanging, there was general consternation. The Prime Minister, sitting next to the royal couple, was not amused. Mr Michael Cocks, the Labour Chief Whip, rushed to apologize to the Speaker. The Speaker, in his turn, apologized to the Prince and Princess. But it was all in vain, as far as Mr Dalyell was concerned.

SDP wins control of its first council

Price twenty pence

By David Walker

The London borough of Islington will next week become the first unit of government in Britain to be run by the Social Democratic Party. It is also the only borough all of whose Labour MPs have abandoned the party. Two, Mr Michael O'Halloran and Mr John Grant have joined the SDP. Mr George Cunningham has become an independent.

come an independent. Tomorrow three members of the council's ruling Labour group will announce their intention to join the social democrats, a formality that will push the strength of the new party on the council to 25 against Labour's 24 and the Conservatives two.

At a special council meeting next week, the social demo-crats will announce their candidates for the leadership and the key committee chair-

manships.

At a meeting of Islington Labour councillors yesterday Mr David Hyams, Mr Christopher Pryce and Mr William Moloney, members respectively for the Finsbury, St Peters and Holloway wards, announced their plans.

They would with their col-

They voted with their col-They voted with their col-leagues at a council meeting, but from tomorrow they consider themselves free of any obligations to the party which has run municipal affairs in Islington almost since local government in London was reformed in the early 1960s.

Twenty-two of the 23 social democrats on the council changed their party label from Labour earlier this year; another was returned under Social Democratic Party colours at a by-election in September. Their leader is the former Southgate. By next week re is likely to be running Islington

in the way he was as recently as March when he was deposed from within the Labour Party. The man who succeeded him.
Mr Donald Hoodless, said last
night that an SDP-controlled
council threatened the standard council threatened the standard of services to the people. "I shall be fascinated by what they put in their manifesto for the borough elections in Maynext year", he said. "The issue between us is the quality of local services."

The new defectors to the SDP formerly held responsible positions in the borough's administration, implying that the new SDP council will not be short of practical experience. Mr Pryce was, until the summer, chairman of the housing committee: Mr Prams is ing committee; Mr Hyams is still responsible for new economic development in

Islington. According to Mr Moloney a distinguishing characteristic of the SDP council will be its suspicion of the local authority

trade unions. The defection to the SDP is good news for Mr Michael Reseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment. Under the new party, Islington Council is likely next year to set a rate well within his guidelines How SDP won, page 2



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a mountainside above the village of Casa Casalabriva, about said they heard one or more explosions, possibly as the air-craft crashed into Mount San 30 miles south of Ajaccio air-port, nearly four hours after-contact with the aircraft was DC9 of Aeromexico crashed and burst into flames during a vie Pietro, where the wreckage was found by a helicopter.

Ajaccio police said the DC9
thit the summit scattering bodies and debris on the sides

On November 8, another DC9
of the same company crashed The victims had left Ljubljana in Yugoslavia for a one-day excursion to Corsica on the last day of a long Yugoslav national holiday weekend. of the mountain. Yugoslav officials confirmed The aircraft sent a distress 168 Yugoslav tourists, includ-message shortly before it was due to land at Ajaccio airport.

weather in the mountainous area near the southern tip of Corsica was bad will low clouds, fog and high winds.

Villagers reported seeing an aircraft in trouble and others are the corsical years.

The DC9 was the third aircraft of its kind involved in an example.

The DC9 was the third air-craft of its kind involved in an accident this year. On July 27, 2

facilities, well-informed sources

In repudiating one of the central planks of international planks of international ployment resulting from tight monetarism. Dr Budd has knocked away the theoretical instification for much of the tough action taken by Treasury Ministers. Such action, which of the same company crashed into a mountain while on a flight from Acapulco to Guadalajara and the 18 people on board were killed.—AP, Reuter,

SUMMARY

HOME NEWS

Princess to miss two more visits

The Princess of Wales yesterday announced that she would not accompany the Prince on Country or to the Chippenham fatstock show dinner at Chippenham on Monday.

The royal couple were scheduled to open the new maritime rescue coordination centre at Falmouth today.

Buckingham Palace said esterday that the Princess was excellent general health but "her medical advice continues to be that she should avoid strenuous days of public en-gagements".

Boy helps in killer hunt



dered schoolboy John Haddon, aged 13, taking part in a police reconstruction yesterday. Ben, also 13, cycled the one mile from Bishop Vesey Grammar School to Sut-ton Park, West Midlands, where John was last seen alive last Friday.

Jail censorship of mail relaxed

Censorship of letters from prisoners has been relaxed, Mr Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday. That was predicted in *The Tuncs* on September 13.

Prisoners will be able to Prisoners will be able to send material for publication, subject to conditions. Prisoners were formerly entitled to write only to relatives, people they knew before they came into custody, MPs and other specified persons. Now they may correspond with anyone, with a few specified exceptions.

More Asians and blacks

The black and Asian popula-tion in Britain is estimated to have reached 2.1 million by mid-1980, according to the mid-1980, according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

They formed then 3.9 per cent of the total population, compared with 2.5 per cent, or a little under 1.4 million, in

Constable jailed

Det Constable Bernard Brindley, aged 35, of Horn-church, who submitted an inaccurate report in an attempt to help a criminal was jailed for nine months by the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Lawyers clash with coroner at Maze inquest

Armed police surrounded the village of Hillsborough yester-day for the inquest on 10 Maze prison hunger strikers who died between May and August. Most witnesses were identified by numbers because of fears for their safety, a practice that angered solicitors representing relatives of the

The solicitors repeatedly tried to inject a political note by attempting to examine the reasons for the hunger strike but were overruled by Mr Arthur Orr, the coroner. The jury returned a unanimous verdict that the hunger strikers died of self-imposed starvation.

tion.

The QC for the Crown, who was idenified but later asked reporters not to use his name because he wanted to keep a "low profile", told the jury:

"It is not for us to explore the conscious as to why the "It is not for us to explore questions as to why the deceased men embarked on their hunger strike or what they sought to achieve. It is neither necessary nor desirable that we at this inquest should go into such matters. Your findings are best conducted by proceeding with proper decorum and without dramatics."

Mr Kevin Agnew, a solicitor representing one of the men's families, clashed with the coroner when he asked why witnesses were being identified by numbers. Mr Orr told him: "It is a matter of public of interest." Mr Agnew: "What is the purpose?" Mr Orr: "Protection of life." Mr Agnew: "I trigust do not understand that. It serves no purpose at all. It makes a farce of the whole thing."

Mr Parrick Finucage, re-presenting the family of Mr Sands—and other hunger strikers, protested that the inquest was not concerned with the terminal cause of death. "I submit that these proceed-ings are entitled to look at the causational circumstances of

death."

The pathologists' report on each of the 10 hunger strikers were broadly similar. Mr Sands, aged 27, a coachbuilder from Belfast, dropped from 10 to seven stone during his 66-day fast. There was a slight-degree of bronchial pneumonia and an acute inflammatory condition of the lungs. Death was due primarily to starvation. due primarily to starvation, and bronchial pneumonia and biochemical upsets were ter-minal complications.

The hunger strikers were: Robert Sands, who died after 66 days; Francis Hughes (59 days); Raymond McCreesh (60 days); Patrick O'Hara (61 days); Joseph McDonnell (61 days); Kieran Doherty (73 days); Kevin Lyuch (71 days); Martin Hurson (46 days); Thomas McElwee (62 days); and Michael Devine (60 days). I A member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary was seriously ill in hospital last night after being shot several times by two gummen in a terrorist ambush in Armagh town
Anti-terrorist police operations in the co Donegal area
of the Irish Republic began at dawn yesterday after the discovery of a Provisional IRA training camp and arms.

The hideout was on one of a dozen or so tiny islands off the Donegal fishing village of

Esso faces all-out strike by drivers and depot staff

were steeling themselves last night for an all-out strike by their 1,700 tanker drivers and depot staff after a vote at a union meeting at a normally moderate depot which was overwhelmingly in favour of strike action.

Most of the company's 40 depots voted yesterday on whether to follow the recommendation of their senior shop stewards for a strike in pro-

stewards for a strike in pro-test at the company's 8.1 per cent pay offer. Any strike is unlikely to start before Mon-day to allow time for further negotiations to be held. The vote among Transport and General Workers Union members at the Hythe terminal near Southampton was 66-17 in favour of a strike and after new of that result, company management were privately saying that a strike looked

likely. Workers at Shell and Texaco embark on a series of one-day

random strikes.

Together the three com-Together the three companies supply more than half
of the country's petrol and oil.
In response to the strike
threats, the Ministry of Defence has drawn up contingency plans to ensure that
emergency supplies are delivered by using men from the
armed forces.

The Ministry's plans drew
criticism from Mr Jack Ashwell, the TGWU's national

well, the TGWU's national at BP, the li-secretary for commercial have already transport, who accused the per cent deal-

Esso Petroleum management Government of scaremongering-ere steeling themselves last He pointed out that the ight for an all-out strike by union had always covered union had always covered emergency services and would continue also to provide fuel to old people's homes, hospitals and schools.

He said: "The whole thing

is totally unnecessary. It is only Esso that has threatened an all out strike and they represent a small proportion of the market.

Esso has 20 per cent of the market. Two weeks ago its drivers and depot staff voted by a 2-1 margin to reject the 8-1 per cent offer. They asked 8.1 per cent offer. They asked for further negotiations with the company, but when those talks were held Esso refused to

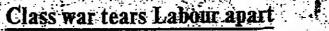
make an increase.

The vote at Hythe, by a show of hands, represents only a small part of the overall work force; but Esso management was fearful that if that normally-moderate had voted for a strike, a simihave also been voting on their lar pattern would emerge stewards' recommendations to across the country.

scross the country.

Mr John Mousdale, the TGWU's district secretary in Southampton representing oil workers, said last night: "The drivers were angry at the prospect of losing their negotiating link with men in the other oil companies. They hope the threat of industrial action will restore this link." restore this link."
The union is seeking an 11

closed yesterday afternoon as about 15,000 teachers, lecturers, other educational staff and parents took to the streets to per cent increase in line with a deal reached at Mobil last May. Oil distribution workers at BP, the largest supplier, have already accepted an 8.1 protest against predicted cons of at least £100m in London's



How the SDP won control of Islington

It is no coincidence that Islington should become the first local authority to come under the Social Democratic. Party's control. The Labour Party in the London borough has been split down the middle in a way that demonstrates in particularly acute form the party's difficulties nationally.

The troubled position of the Islington Labour Pamy derives from the nature of the borough which, until the rise of the SDP, has effectively been a one-party state. After the last borough election in 1978 the council had 50 Labour members and only two Conservanives providing the opposition. As a result, political debate effectively took place within the Labour group which encompassed a broad spectrum of opinion.

. It was divided into two main factions. The larger one, which has defected en masse to the SDP, is made up of predominantly working class, middle aged councillors, locally born and bred, who are conservative in their outlook and policies.

The "opposition" the remaining Labour group on the council, is younger and formed of middle-class socialists who moved into Islington with the "gentrification" of Islington in the 1960s and 1970s.

Before the defections to the SDP, very right wing, even in Tony terms, which began in March, there was friction. They have cut the housing programme, between the groups. The former accuse the grants to voluntary organizations, the latter of a campaign of infiltration and the provision for under-fives. the latter of a campaign of infiltration and "entryism" that has gradually led to left-wing control of Islington's three

constituency Labour parties. Mr James Evans, last year's mayor of the borough and one of the first Islington councillors to defect to the SDP, says: "We used to have a lot of old people come to Labour Party meetings. They had come for years although they did not always have the education to put over their views. The middle-class student types laughed at them and mocked them, and so they did not want

to come:

"In the old days we had meetings and then went off to the pub afterwards. These new people started coming in with sandwiches and flasks and the meetings." went on until two or three in the morning."

The younger, middle-class element sees the councillors who form the SDP group as a reactionary clique who have consistently obstructed proposed reforms and progressive measures in the town

Mrs Margaret Watson, deputy leader of the Labour group, says: "The old group are not very bright. They are also

Each side has accused the other of flouting party rules and of "fixing" key meetings. In the Islington, North party, for example the left is accused of bringing people in a minibus from Haringey with the rule is charged with to voce, while the right is charged with packing meetings with "false" delegates from the Transport and General Workers

The balance between the factions has see-sawed over the past 10 years. In 1978, the "Irish old guard" regained control of the North. Same then the left has increased its hold on the storee constituency parties.

Last mouth, Mr. John Grant, MP for Islington Central announced his defection to the SDP, On Monday, Mr. George Cunningham, member for Islington, South, and Finsbury, became the borough's third MP to resign from the Labour Party.

The scale of the defections to the SDP in Islington could serve to bighlight serious internal differences within the local SDP. It is not no much to say that the division that burt the Lebour Party is reproducing itself in the Islington SDP.

Brixton raid police are cleared

search for petrol bombs in Brixton after the summer riots are not to be prosecuted it was disclosed yesterday.

The raids on about a dozen houses in Raikon Road, known as the front line, took place in July and led to widespread protests. But after an investigation and report by Mr. Geoffrey Desr, deputy assistant commissioner, the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided against mosecution decided against prosecuting any of the officers involved.

The announcement produced an angry reaction in Britton. Mr. Rene Webb, director of the Melting Pot Foundation on Railton Road, who visited the houses soon after the raid, said that many people, especially those whose houses were affected, would be terribly upset.

Scotland Yard said internal disciplinary proceedings against the officers would now be considered. But it also said Mr. Dear's report showed that many householders had claimed for damages not caused by police.

A spokesman said.: The investigation produced evidenca ther people other than police entered the addresses concerned after, police had gone stole property and did the damage. We have not been able to pinpoint the individuals concerned." thought to be worth about £1m. Death

The police had nevertheless met claims for damage not caused by them in the interests of community relations, he

heavy-handed in the raids, only one official complaint was received, the police said.

But the investigation rook in

to detect blood disease

Science report

New test

By Our Medical

A child born with the genetic disorder thalassaemia bas a grim outlook. Even with the best medical treatment the severe anaemia will stunt growth; the heart, liver and spleen become enlarged, and chronic invalidism ends in early death.

In many Mediterranean countries as many as 10 per cent of the population are carriers of the disease, and when two carriers marry, one in four of their children will have thalassaemia.

In 1975 techniques were developed for diagnosing thalassaemia in the foetus in early pregnancy, so that the parents could choose to have the pregnancy terminated.
An unofficial registry is being maintained at Mount Sinai Hospital. New York, and so far 1,705 tests have been carried our in London. been carried out in London, Athens, Sardinia, Paris, Mun-ich and other cities.

A combination of screening and counselling adults for the carrier state and testing in pregnancy has dram-atically reduced the numbers of infants with thalassaemia born in the Cypriot community both in London and in Cyprus, where only a quarter of the expected total were orn in 1979.

Nevertheless, the tests on the foetus for thalassaemia (and other haemoglobin dis-orders such as sickle cell disease) cannot be carried out until the eighteenth to nancy; termination at that stage carries physical risks for the mother and is also more emotionally distressing. A new technique that may make diagnosis possible much earlier in pregnancy is being studied at St Mary's Hospital and University Col-lege Hospital, London.

Instead of waiting until the foctus is his enough for a blood sample to be taken, the new method raties on direct analysis of the DNA, the generic code, in cells taken from the chorionic villi in the junctional area between the developing embryo and the wall of the uterus,

Tests in women having Tests in women having terminations early in pregnancy for other reasons have shown that the technique works; what remains to be established is whether early in pregnancy small samples of the chorionic villi can be removed without risk to the mother on the pregnancy. The DNA analysis takes 11 days. So with early recog-nition of prognancy and early medical referral for testing.

f community relations, he termination could be aid.

Although residents said the advanced to the tenth to twelfth week of pregnancy, of the tenth to twelfth week of pregnancy.

By Kenneth Gosling

An investigation into oppor-tunities for women is being launched by Thames, one of the "big five" independent television companies, after an

relevision: companies, after an approach by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The scheme, to be known as a positive action project, will begin in the new year, and Thames is understood to be the first television company in Britain to adopt a policy of positive action in favour of women. Thames's decision to understand Thames's decision to undertake the project in agreement with the commission and the National Council for Civil Liberties comes in the wake of a report prepared by Miss Sadie Roberts, a barrister for

Sadie Roberts, a barrister for the NCCL.

Thames's programme will include appointing an executive director to form a special committee, introducing training courses on equal opportunities, developing a code of practice for interviewing, and providing more detailed monitoring on women's positions within the company.

Thatcher promises museum grant rise

HARSCUM Grant rase

Accused by Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, of taking a barbaric approach to the funding, of the national museums, Mrs Margaret I hatcher yesterday assured the Commons that there would be a bigger increase in the grant next year than in 1981-82 (Hugh Noyes writes). She reminded MPs that the present grant for museums was 7 to 8 per cent above that for 1980-81.

Mr Foot, alarmed by a warn-

Mr Foot, alarmed by a warning on Monday by Dr. David Wilson, director of the British Museum, that it would have to close if the Government did not increase its funding, said that he knew the barbarians on the Conservative benches were nor interested in such things. Parliamentary report, page 4

ADVERTS ON

TAXI DOORS The police yesterday gave the go-shead for London's 12,000 black taxis to display advertisements on the outside of their front doors. Cab drivers said the decision, which comes after a year of negotiations, would mean well.

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Classrooms Union leaders will meet Lebbit on labour law

collection intact.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

an invitation from Mr. Norman chers.

Tebbit, Secretary of State for The TUC discerns indications of dissarisfaction with proposed Bill on labour law Mr. Tebbit's proposal among reform, to be introduced in the some Conservative backbench-

Rubens for the Courtauld Institute

detail from the Rubens masterpiece

A detail from the Rubens masterpiece Landscape by Moonlight, which is to be purchased for the Courtaild Institute of the University of London, through continued the University of London, through continued the Memorial Fund and the Victoria and Albert Museum. The principle undisclosed, but he resisting trace of the Princes Gate

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By Diana Geddes

ducation budget next year.

The Inner London Education

Authority has forfeited its

entire government grant of £125m this year because its

planned expenditure of £700m is 50 per cent higher than its

grant-related expenditure, or what the Government assesses

This year, it has been able to

make good that loss of grant by increasing the rates. Next year,

however, it fears that it will be prevented from doing so as a

high-spending authorities such

least one of London's five poly-

technics would be closed, and important departments in other polytechnics and colleges

About two thirds of lower

new year. plan to put union funds at risk over industrial action, arguing that his ideas "could hardly

be more dangerous". The TUC Employment Policy and Organization Committee yesterday endorsed a confidential policy paper which insists that the Cabinet's proposals strike at the very heart of essential freedom.

up a counter-response to the Government's policies to be officially endorsed at a meet-

the labour movement in oppo-sition.

While this militant position will be publicly stated, the TUC still hopes to change Mr Tebbit's mind. Some of the proposals in his discussion document are only "under con-sideration", the TUC document

Moreover, there are some signs that employers and sections of the Conservative

already under way to try to frustrate Mr Tebbir's will, but with Labour's front bench and

The Government will be pre-sented later this week with proposals for a radicul new aproach to youth unemployment, requiring up to 1300m a year of extra spending. It would lead to all school leavers taking part in job training up to the age of 18, possibly with legislation to compel them to do so.

would close
Later, at a rally in Westminster, Mr Malcolm Lee,
national president of Nathe,
said that thousands of appli-New measures, proposed by the Manpower Services Com-mission, are aimed at abolish-ing the present Youth Opporcants for places in polytech-nics and other colleges throughout the country would tunities Programme, which has been criticized by both sides of

Union leaders are to take up even Conservative backben-

and revive one of the most co

over the actions of officials and members.

organization, it also under-estimates the dangers in terms of damage to industrial rela-tions which could result from

adopting this discredited approach once again. It will enable employers and others to bankrupt unions through claims for damages."

Turning to the government proposal to withdraw immunity from disputes of a mainly political or personal."

munity from disputes of a "mainly political or personal" nature, the TUC says: "As political' disputes are already

unlawful (ag. Express News-papers v Kevs concerning the TUC's day of action in 1980), it is difficult to see what further restrictions the Government could make.

Government could make,
Disputes among public servants about wages or conditions might run contrary to
government policy and therefore risk being deemed.

"political."

On selective dismissal, the
TUC suggests that Mr Tebbit's
proposal is dangerous and
designed to widen employers'
ability to use the sanction of

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dismissal to undermine the solidarity of workers in dispute.

Collection of Count Antoine Seilern, is

duties necessitated its sale. The purchase, announced by Mr Paul Chamion, Minister

for the Arts, in Parliament on Monday, will

enable the Courtauld to keep the Seilern

some Conservative backbenchers, arguing "this needs to be followed up".

Examining in detail the proposal to curtail union immunities, the TUC document says:

These proposals have dangerous implications for unions,

They will reject outright his

troversial and fundamental issues in British lebour law.

In making unions financially vulnerable in this way, the Government's intention is to encourage unions to exert greater control from the centre Union leaders are drawing and members.

But not only does the Government entirely ignore unions; purpose and functions and the democratic basis of trade union

ing on December 16 and then
put to ministers as the basis
of organized labour's position.
Meanwhile the unions are planning a campaign to alert union officials and activists to the implications of the govern-ment proposals and to mobilize the labour movement in oppo-

sections of the Conservative Party are becoming sceptical about further legislation and so there remains the possibility that the legislation may be changed as a result of vigorous campaigning and lobbying. However, fearing the worst, the TUC is organizing a special conference of trade union national officers early in the new year to determine the next new year to determine the next phase of its opposition cam-paign to the labour law pack-

age. But political moves are

£300m youth training plea industry, and drawing in re-sources from other training programmes for young people to create a new training

> The commissions proposals are being sent to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment. The commission's submission

to Mr Tebbir also draws the minister's attention to the question of whether legislation should be introduced to compel all school leavers, who do not Leading article, page 11

all the houses raided Thames launches equality for women project

He went on to demand an undertaking from the Prime Minister that she would intervene to put a stop to such Mrs Thatcher said that the museums could look forward

> although the precise amount would have to await the full public expendinne results.
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> Although the Prime Minister did not divulge whether the increase would be in real terms, she considered that her response was reasonable under

some increase next year

Victory for arts over Treasury

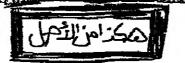
A small victory for the defenders of the arts against the Treasury axeman was marked up yesterday by the Commons Select Committee on Educa-tion, Science and the Arts when the Government can-celled its decision to withdraw finencial support for the Inter-national Centre for the Pre-

national Centre for the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property in Rome (Our Political Staff writes).

The amount involved was only £39,000 a year. It amounted to 1 per cent of the annual British constibution to Unesco. But the select committee received many representations from people and

It was founded in 1959 and is an international centre for the exchange of inform-ation and research in the whole field of conservation.

A joint statement from the Minister for Overseas Development (the payment was made under this heading) and the Minister for the Arts, released yesterday, said British with-drawal . . "would cause considerable anxiety internationally and could weaken the effectiveness of the organization".



SUMMARY.

Charge of murder dropped

against a German business-man accused of strangling his wife was dropped yester-

his wife was dropped yesterday.

The move came in the ninth day of the "Watership Down" murder trial at Winchester Crown Court, when the judge told the jury to disregard the murder charge against Ulf Hinsch, aged 43, of Braintree, Essex.

The trial will continue with Mr Hinsch facing the lesser charge of manslaughter.

The body of Jeanette

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Air fares to Hongkong up.

Economy fares to Hongkong sou by yabout a tenth from March. But at least one airline, British Caledonian is reducing its first-class fares by the same amount from January (Our Transport Correspondent writes). Fares to Hongkong collapsed last year when the Civil Aviation Authority broke British Airways' monopoly by allowing British Caledonian and Carbay Pacific to Join the route, but have been creeping up since.

Town moves

V2 driver

Residents of Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire, asked Mr David Oakley, as long load, a German V2 rocket. When the police switchboard was jammed with more complaints, he was advised to take his load to a lay-by half a mile away.

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Liza Goddard's quiet wedding



Liza Goddard, aged 31, the actress (above), and Alvin Stardust, aged 37, the singer, were married yesterday, five weeks after the birth of their daugh-

The only guests at
Wood Green Register
Office, north London,
were Miss Goddard's son
Tom, aged five, by her previous marriage, the baby's nanny, and a free lance photographer.

Fireman trapped in test mishap

A rescue exercise turned into a real emergency yester-day when an RAF helicopter had to rescue a fireman trapped up to his chest in mud at Sheerness, on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent.

Local firemen were demon strating fremen were demon-strating fremen de-signed to speed rescues in quicksands and mud when Mr Terry Hughes, aged 20, a part-time fireman who had volunteered to be balf buried in mud, became trapper

£7,042 compensation Garry Ralston, aged 22, and Paul Nicholls, aged 21, both of Manchester, who were dismissed as garage mechanics for allegedly stealing 25p worth of waste diesel oil, were awarded compensation of £3,612 and £3,430 respectively by an industrial tribunal in Manchester yesterday. dramatic, and inaccurate.

He said: "The Daily Express has a dramatic headline Film chief accused over 120mph race of death'. Apart from the Mail and the Express, The Times has 'Carrace ended in death'. "There is an even worse headline in The Sun on page five describing a "120mph horror race", which goes further than the 'death race' of the Express and the Mail."

Mr Hudson said he was

Jail overcrowding

Measures aimed at cutting prison overcrowding will be disclosed by prison governors after the annual meeting of the Society of Civil and Public Servants' governors' branch today. Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, was given the proposals at a meeting last night.

Holly prices soar

Keen bidding at the annual sale of holly, mistletoe, and Christmas trees at Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester, yesterday, sent holly prices to £50 a hundred-weight for the best varieties, well up on last year's figure.

Major dies after run Major Richard Wilkinson, sped 37, collapsed while unning in a fitness test in of The Blues and Royals.

Three schoolboy torturers get 32 years in jail

Three schoolboys who bing Miss Emily O'Shea, aged preyed on old people in east 67, of watches, a medallion, London were sentenced to a and cash at her home in total of 32 years' detention by the Central Criminal Court admitted robbing Mr Abra-ham Diamond aged 77 Abra-ham Diamond aged 78 Abra-ham

yesterday.
One victum, a widow aged
85, died. Another widow had
a narrow escape from death. was callous and merciless in the extreme.

and cash at her home in Limehouse. They further admitted robbing Mr Abra-ham Diamond, aged 74, of £6 as he took a lift to his flat in

85, died. Another widow had a narrow escape from death.

Sentencing the boys, now aged 15, the Common Serjeant, Judge Tudor Price, told them that their conduct was callous and merciless in the extreme.

"In each case all of you showed total indifference to the suffering of your victims, the extreme.

"In each case all of your showed total indifference to the suffering of your victims, the waste and punched and kicked her without mercy.

Service in an attempt to undo part of the explosion in senior Whitehall manpower that took place under the Wilson and Heath administ-

Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State at the Treasury announced yesterday that all 742 posts at under — secretary level and above would be examined to see if their. The Government had trim-continued existence were med the number on the top justified. Senior officers in three grades from the 822

at the Department of the

death

Corporation.

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Mr Hudson said he was certain that the majority of the jury would have read the headlines which, because of their emotive nature, had distorted the case. They might have discussed the case with their spouses at the breakfast table and "there might be a gut reaction to these headlines".

The Government is to insisted that "each job mount an attack on the should have a firm, tangible number of officials in the top core of its own. three grades of the Civil "Ministers and the comm-

"Ministers and the community will be better served if all jobs are real with a challenging but attainable contribution expected from each one. Such clarity should actually reduce the total quantity of work to be done, though not the results though not the results achieved from it", Sir Geoffrey found.

be scrutinized.

The announcement was made to coincide with the publication of a review of the summit of the Whitehall hierarchy undertaken by Sir Geoffrey Wardale, former Second Permanent Secretary at the Department of the The Association of Piret

The Association of First Environment.

He recommended that all which represents senior officials, welcomed Sir Geofdeputy, and under-secretary should be retained, but no grade should be abolished.

£3,000 for a Retrial for victim of the Ripper case driver A complaint about news-paper headlines led yesterday to a judge's ordering the retrial of a man who has denied causing the death by dangerous driving of Donald Ranger, managing director of the Heron Motor

attack by the Yorkshire Ripper was awarded £3,000 interim compensation by the Criminal Injuries Compen-sation Board in Leeds yester-

day.

Miss Marcella Claxton, aged 25, of Sholebroke Avenue, Chapeltown, Leeds, was hit over the head with a hammer eight or nine times in May, 1976.

Her original application in Dismissing the jury on the second day of the case at Kingston Crown Court, second day of the case at Kingston Crown Court, Surrey, Judge Rubin said of newspaper coverage: "Some of these reports contain headlines of a very prefudicial nature like 'Death race' and 'Horror race', although my personal view is that this is very much a borderline case".

Mr. Barry, Hudson, OC. Her original application in 1978 was refused on the basis of her way of life, and that she had "clearly misled the

police and provoked the attack". Her appeal against that

is very much a borderline case".

Mir Barry Hudson, QC, representing Ricardo di Tommaso, aged 39, of Mulberry Trees, Shepperton, Middlesex, told the judge that reporting of the first day of the trial was factually correct, but headlines describing the way Mr Ranger died had been emorive, dramatic, and inaccurate.

He said: "The Doilo Exargument, including evidence from the officer who inter-viewed Mr Sutcliffe, who pleaded guilty to Miss Clax-

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent Hebden and Westerinen are the under-16 world cham drawing away from the rest pion, Stuart Conquest, over of the fields in the Lewisham the Polish international masinternational tournament at

might have discussed the case with their spouses at the breakfast table and "there might be a gut reaction to these headlines".

The judge said that as it was a short case where such things would remain fresh in the memory he would order a retrial "sometime next term when memories of these hadlines have disappeared".

Mr Di Tommaso had his unconditional bail renewed.

Mr Di Tommaso had his The most striking result of unconditional bail renewed.

Police plan for 24-hour **Toxteth** foot patrol

From John Chartres Liverpool

A new system of policing the still sensitive and dis-turbed Toxteth area of Liver-pool is to be pur to comm-unity leaders on December 14 at a meeting chaired by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, Mgn Derek Worlock, Eighty community relations organizations will be invited to attend.

That was amiounced by Chief Constable of Mersey-side, Mr Kenneth Oxford, at a meeting of the county mr Oxford's plan in line
with suggestions in the
Scarman Commission report involves the creation of a Toxieth section of his force under the command of a chief inspector, with police in pairs patrolling on foot 24 hours a day, seven days a week

hours a day, seven days a week.

The policeman and policewomen, who will include trained community liaison officers and plainclothes detectives, posted to the new section will remain in it for long periods to maintain continuity. Mr Oxford said: "I want to build the sort of rapport of yester-year between the policeman on the beat and the community".

"This will be real grassroots policing. I hope to make it 'sacrosanct' and none of the officers involved will

of the officers involved will be diverted unnecessarily to other duties or training COULTSES.

He said that he hoped to improve the status of the policeman, on the beat in recruiting advertising and publicity. There was a tendency to debase that type of work with too many ambitious young recruits wanting quickly to become motor cyclists or detectives.

Lady Simey, chairman of the committee, who has had differences with Mr Oxford, promised the Chief Constable of her support and that of the authority.

The committee also discussed a report on events since the Toxteth riots of last July in the light of the Scarman report.

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the use in policing of any form of paramilitary equipment, such as CS gas, water cannon, or armoured vehicles. The resolution requested the Chief Constable to ensure that it would never be neccessary to have such equipment deployed on Merseyside.

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Mr Oxford said that was asking for Utopia. "I go along with abhorrence of the use of such equipment, but have not got the sort crystal

ball to be able to ensure that it will never be needed again.
"I am not too sure either
whether it escalates or contains street violence."

US inner cities model for british

Difficult inner city areas could be helped to revive by development on the pattern seen in some old cities in the north east of the United States, including the creation States, including the creation of conference and exhibition halls, leisure attractions, speciality shopping, and the conservation of historical buildings (Our Commercial Editor writes).

That was urged yesterday by Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the English Tourist Board in a plan put to 15 too financial institution

to 15 top financial institution managers and bankers, part of the inner city advisory task force set up by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, after the inner city riots.

PLEDGE ON **DOCTORS** HOURS

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Health, last night promised action to try to reduce the risk to patients posed by hospital doctors' working 100 hours or more a week. He said his department shared doctors' concern about excessive hours and about excessive hours and was setting up a conference in February to discuss the

Junior hospital doctors welcomed Dr Vaughan's in-itiative, but made clear that they felt the conference they felt the conference should have been called

Dr Michael Rees, chairman of the British Medical Associpleaded guilty to Miss Clax-ton's attempted murder.

Miss Claxton, who denies that she was ever a prosti-tute, said after yesterday's hearing: "I am happy with the decision".

of the British Medical Association's hospital juniors, said:
we are particularly con-cerned that there should be no undue delay in solving the problems. We camiot afford to wait until February next year to begin".

Chess leaders pull away

ter, Pytel.
The leading scores, with two rounds to go are: Hebden and Westertnen.6.



The child's horror of bath time: Reuben, Bristol Zoo's one-year-old gorilla, takes on an almost human expression in the tub, wrinkling up his face as he is soaped down by Mr Mike Colbourne, his keeper.

GLC blind to facts on fares, QC says

kel, Lord Scarman, and Lord The Greater London Council's decision to go ahead with its cheaper fares scheme Brandon sitting as the Lords Appellate Committee. in "deliberate defiance of the facts" was perverse and facts" was perverse and unlawful, Mr David Widdicombe, QC, told the Law Lords yesterday.

Mr Widdicombe said that the council had asked its

The GLC is contesting a Court of Appeal ruling which upheld a claim by Bromley that the council acted unlawfully in levying a 6.1p rate to pay for a cut in fares under its "Fares Fair" scheme launched on October 4. The Labour group was determined to go ahead and stick rigidly to its policy, taking officials to provide infor-marion on what the effects might be of levying an extra rate to pay for a cut of one quarter in Underground and rigidly to its policy, taking not the slightest heed of the disadvantages, Mr Widdicombe said.

Letters obtained by Bromley since the Court of Appeal
ruling reveal that the council
was well aware that there
would be no waiver by the
Government of the penalty of
loss of block grant for
overspending, he said. hearing continues

Slimming case doctor accused

A woman's addiction to a slimming drug turned her into an alcoholic, it was said yesterday. The General Medi-cal Council's professional conduct committee was told that she also lost jobs, took an overdose, lost her home,

professional misconduct against Dr Zakaria Mohammed Asfoury, whose mot the slightest heed of the disadvantages, Mr Widdi-combe said.

Those included the loss of revenue involved, involving the loss of a government block grant as a penalty for overspending, the fact that passenger usage would rise by only 6 per cent, and traffic congestion ease by about 1 per cent.

Letters obtained by Room. treatment.

> Mr Stephen O'Malley, for the council, said Mrs Sally Langley, of King's Hall Road, Beckenham, Kent, lost four and a half stone in six months, but the treatment was continued for five years. The hearing continues today.

Mother and son fined for vice conspiracy

The son of Mrs Rosetta Simpson went "from rags to riches" in three years from the proceeds of her huge prositution racket, a court heard yesterday. Christopher Simpson let

Christopher Simpson let his mother's massage agency use his respectable businesses as a front. He also obtained suitable premises for her, the court was told, interviewed girls, and was responsible for advertising the agency in pornographic magazines.

Mr Lionel Lassman, for the prosecution, told Knightsbridge Crown Court that in 1975 Mr Simpson was living in a furnished room in Earls Court paying £12 a week rent. In 1979 he bought a house in Stag Lane Buck-

house in Stag Lane Buck-burst Hill, Essex, for £45,000. "Christopher Simpson, starting from modest means,

went from rags to riches in three years," Mr Lassman said.

Simpson, 29, of Old Marylebone Road, Marylebone Road, Marylebone, London, was fined £40,000 and ordered to pay £1,000 costs after he admitted conspiring with his mother and others to live on the immoral carnings of prostitution. Mrs Simpson, aged 54, of Grove Hill, Woodford, Esssex, was fined £5,000 and ordered to pay £5,000 costs after she was found guilty on Monday of conspiring to control the movements of prostitutes

The court heard that Mrs

The court heard that Mrs Simpson's massage agency employed 40 girls. They were equipped with bleepers to summon them to top hotels, including the Savoy and the Waldorf, at all hours.

Mr Lassman estimated that the firm made £100,000 a year profit from girls' having sexual intercourse with their clients.

clients.

The women, aged between 23 and 33, came from all over the world and most operated under false names such as Kitten, Angel, Mandy and Lady Jane.

The ring, one of the largest ever found in London, was uncovered by the police when they raided Mrs Simpson's premises in 1979 after a two-year investigation. ear investigation.

Mr Lassman said substan-tial receipts from prostitution went into bank accounts Mr Simpson had established. He said cheques worth

£130,000 passed through be-longing to a bogus restaurant company. The agency also received big cash payments which were absorbed into other accounts.

At one stage the agency was using a credit card facility for customers.

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MPs want TV fee concession for pensioners

BBC FINANCES

he decision to increase the fee for a colour television licence from £34 to £46 and for a black and white TV licence from £12 to £15 was announced by Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, in a statement to the Commons. The new fees would, he said, come into effect at midnight and should last for at least night, and should last for at least

Mr Whitelaw, indicating that ne had laid the necessary regulations bringing the new fees into force, said the BBC had applied for an increase in the colour licence fee to about 150 to last for three to about 150 to last for three years. In considering that, it was his duty to ensure that the corporation's home services were adequately funded and at the same time to have regard to what was fair to the licence fee payer.
In appounding the increases,

Ir Whitelaw sald he would be naking it clear to the BBC that he would expect it to pay off its current deficit and live within the revenue which these new levels of fees would produce until the end of the 1984-85 financial year. My purpose in deciding on an increase to last for at least three years (he continued) is to make the light produce the light produ licence fee system work as

It is also my aim to fix the level of fees for a period which will enable the corporation to plan shead more effectively. A plan ahead more effectively. A three year increase will require considerable financial discipline on the part of the corporation; and the extent to which it will be able to pursue its plans for new or improved services will depend crucially on its ability to keep down its costs, particularly labour costs.

labour costs.

In this context the board of governors has announced that it has commissioned a wide ranging review of the systems by which the BBC monitors its efficiency. I welcome this decision, which indicates how seriously the board of governors take their responsibility for maoring that the licence fee paying public get an efficient service and value for money.

I recognize that it is not easy

I recognize that it is not easy for some people to find the licence fee in a single lump sum each year. I therefore intend to provide a range of means to enable members of the public who wish to do so to spread the cost of the licence fee over the year. To supplement the successful and widely-used television saving stamps scheme, I have approved plans for the introduction of payments by instalments.

We propose in the course of next summer to start accepting monthly instalments towards the following year's licence fee by means of direct debit from bank This will be followed, I hope by the summer of 1983, by a scheme for the payment of monthly cash instalments over post office counters towards the following

year's ree.

I believe that the three year increases which I have today announced, coupled with greater flexibility in the methods of payment, will do much to strengthen the licence fee system and preserve the independence of the BBC.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on home affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab): We believe the BBC should be financed in a way that preserves its independence and enables it rinanced in a way that preserves its independence and enables it to maintain the high level of its programmes. We also agree that income of the sort the Government proposes is necessary and it should be obtained by means of licence fees.

licence fees.

However, a television ilcence fee of £46 will bear particularly heavily on some members of the public, particularly retirement pensioners. The fact that the increase will be reflected in the retail price index is really of no comfort since at best the pension will be adjusted next November and at worst next year's increase. availability of easy payment schemes be of much benefit to most pensioners few of whom, contrary to what has been said, possess credit cards and all of whom will be required to pay instalments on next year's licence this year in advance of receipt of programmes.

Therefore we will not support the proposed increase unless some sort of concession is made for retirement pensioners and the chronically sick.

chronically sick.

May I suggest one means of raising compensating revenue for that purpose? It is absurd that, let us say, the Savoy hotel with hundreds of television sets used for commercial purposes should pay the same fee as a single pensioner. Should there not be a separate and higher commercial fee, separate from and ligher than the domestic licence, and should it not be levied on every set in commercial use?

Mr Whitelaw: I am glad to bear him accept that the licence fee is the best method of financing the BEC. I am also glad to hear the income I have designed through this fee is what he believes to be correct for the next three years. When he comes to the question of pensioners, I accept that this is a considerable anxiety with regard to them, so the easy payment scheme which I have proposed will supplement the television samps which are available to persioners and should be able to pensioners and should be helpful because a very large pro-portion of the television licences



Ashley and Morrison: More subtitled programmes wanted

As to the hotels, I accept this problem. We had a working party on the problem which recommended that hotels should pay more. I am prepared to consider how best to implement that pro-posal.

posal.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Why can we not have a scheme of paying by instalment for current licence fee to help pensioners. If it is desirable to give the BEC three years' freedom from having to go to the Government, is not the Government going to have to do better to control inflation for the scheme to work?

decide on a large number of dif-ferent assumptions. That has been done. The figure meets the requirement to be fair to the BBC to produce their programmes and to those in the country who pay the fee.

As for pensioners, I thought I had produced many proposals which would help. I am prepared to consider any others that fall within the installments acheme. Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab): Would be consider allocating a small proportion of the licence fee specifically for the subtitling of television pro-grammes for deaf people. Mr Whitelaw: I believe the BBC have made considerable efforts for deaf people. I know they wish to go further and will certainly seek

fo do so.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C): There would be enormous support in the country for a concessionary scheme for pensioners even if it meant the rest of us having to pay slightly more than £46.

Mr Whitelaw: I accept that entirely, but he has to appreciate some of the problems involved. If we were to give a concession to pensioners' households a



Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C): There are more deaf people in the country than Welch people. Does be not think even greater regard should be given to the needs of deaf people?

Mr Whitelaw: The BBC have gone a long way to deal with the problems of deaf people. I hope they will be able to go further. The licence fee was also fixed in consideration of what the BBC will be able to do in Wales with Welsh programmes.

Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield, East, Lab): Many people feel he has missed an opportunity to take the licence fee out of the political arena. Yet again many people will see political intimi-dation of the BBC in the three year period up to the general election.

Mr Whitelaw: I would have thought by setting the clear pos-ition of the BBC for three years ahead we would be doing the exact opposite of what he said. Mr Edward Lyons (Bradford, West, SDP): Since black and white sets are largely in the hands of the poorer sections of the community would be freeze the fee for those sets instead of increasing it?

Mr Whitelaw: I think that the

(Labour laughter.)
Mr Whitelsw: He enjoys such snide remarks. There are many people, even pensioners, who may wish to pay their fees in this way. It is sensible to provide a variety of ways to pay the licence fee and I do not see why they should be open to snide remarks.

Mr Im Mikerde (Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, Lab); One of the concessions he has offered today will be warmly welcomed by all the pensioners in the east end of London who have Diners' Club credit cards. (Labour laughter.)

Hostile reaction to heavier lorries

TRANSPORT

MPs from both sides joined in Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Transport, that the maximum permitted forry weights were to be raised to 34 tonnes for four-aried vehicles and 40 tonnes for five-axied vehicles.

the House.

Mr Howell said: The effect of big lorries on people and commanities is a matter of deep concern. The lorry is an offensive concern. The lory is an orientive element in the covironment (some environment progressively worse unless we take decisions now which will change the trend over the coming years.

Our aim is to ensure a more civilized development of freight

the coming years.
Our aim is to ensure a more civilized development of freight transport in the future, which will mean a better environment as well as a heakthier economy.
Government measures to achieve the objective were in a white Paper published today. These measures are directed to keeping locries away from the places where people live, furough provision of more by-basses; to making the wehicles quieter and cleaner; and, in particular, to keeping their numbers down.
However, to keep costs down, road transport most be efficient and economic, Our present maximum weight limits on lorries place an economic handicap on much of our industry. Our regulations prevent many existing lorries from being loaded to their full technical weight-carrying capacity. This is wasteful. It makes transport costs higher than they need be, which in turn feeds through into prices and makes our exports less competitive.

The Government agreed with

tive.

The Government agreed with the Armitage report's rejection of the heavier axie weights proposed by the European Commission and had announced rejection of a 44 tonnes maximum weight which. Armitage had recommended.

All the safeguards suggested by Armitage had been carefully considered. The Government is now convinced (he said) that maximum lorry weights can safely be raised to 34 tonnes for four axied wehicles, and 40 tonnes on five axies.

The proposals outlined in the

vehicles, and 40 names on the axies.

The proposals outlined in the white paper would apply to Northern Ireland.

As well as bringing economic benefits to industry and nitimately to the consumers, through savings in industry's transport costs of around 130m a year, there will be benefits to the environment.

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The heavier vehicles will be no bigger than the biggest vehicles on the roads today. Their ligher load capacity will enable industry to meet demands for freight services with fewer vehicles than would otherwise be needed. (Protests)

to allocate to heavy goods vehi-cles the higher costs they impose on road building and main-tenance which were pointed out by Armitage?

by Armitage?

The minor amelioration which the White Paper indicates of a major problem is a fig leaf behind which he cannot hide what is no more than a massive for the state of the state concession to the road freight baulage lobby. Those suffering from the effects of the present heavy lorries will be disappointed and shocked by this announce-

would be 5 per cent less road damage.

On the higher taxadon of lor-ries that do the most damage, the White Paper makes dear that we have taken the powers to prepare for that and it is now our proposal to go that way, so there is no question of ducking that.

Mr Booth has got the concession to the freight industry totally wrong. There is a major advance here within our grasp for the environment because there will be lordes which are no bigger and greatly reduced in number. There is a benefit to industry in terms of more investment and more jobs.

ment and more jobs.

Mr John Peyton (Yeovil, C):
Those who live in, walk in, and
push prams in the narrow streets
of many of our towns and villages are likely 10 accord to bis
proposals a welcome that falls a
good deal short of rapturous.

Mr Howell: I did not expect rapture. This is the right move in
the right direction towards
civilizing the lorry.

Mr David Cronch (Canterbury, C): Some of us, and certainly myself, are appalled at his statement. (Cheers.) I do not accept that these lorries will not be bigger, heftier and more dangerous on the roads. I do not accept that the regulations now in existence are sufficient to prevent these lorries going away from the trunk toads and metavent these lorries going away from the trunk roads and motor-ways. I shall be in the voring lobby against this measure when it comes up. (Cheers.)

Mr Howell: The lorry loads are not going to be any bigger. They will be the same lorry containers as we see on the roads today.

as we see on the roads today.

Mr Edward Leadbitter (Elwilepool, Lab): The House considers
the Secretary of State's statement
today to be a complete berrayal
of the protection of the environment. (Cheers.) The new lorry
loads will be a damaging, dangerous intrusion into urban areas
and to historic buildings and will
not be accepted by the public Mr Hawell: Mr Leadbitter exag-gerates his case. There are strong-feelings on this. If there are fewer of these large and in some cases frightening rehicles around, this is a step in the right direction.

Island airport is to be expanded into a Nato base

met with a hospile reception from the Western Isles Coun-

to the scheme. The Government said that the base was necessary to support maritime operations in time of war in the Iceland-United Kingdom gap and the eastern Atlantic to counter possible Russian air attacks from the morth west

Strict conditions have been imposed by the Government on the Ministry of Defence for use of the airfield Exercises will be limited to six weeks a year, and Sunday flying, a con-tentious issue in the Western Isles, will be probibited except in emergencies. Night flying will be limited to 20 nights a

The Ministry of Defence is to provide money to insulate houses affected by noise. The airport development, which will cost £40m, will include an extension of the runway, new aircraft shelters and improved fuelling facilities.

Objections to the development, raised at a public inquiry people of Scotland included loss of agricultural land, noise disturbance to wild life, the risk from accident and risk extern Isles a life. the inadequacy of water sup-plies. Local people said that the Gaelic culture and way of life

Stornoway of the island of Donald Stewart, Scottish Nat-Lewis in the Outer Hebridge ionalists MF for the Western into z forward Nato base was Isles, who said yesterday that approved yesterday by Mr the people who planned and George Younger, Secretary of approved the development State for Scotland. The decision differed only in degree from the Russians who had authorized the invasion of Afghani-

The Rev Donald Macaulay, Convener of the Western Isles Council, was not surprised by the decision. But he was dis-appointed that Mr Younger had seen fit to accept that the presented at the public inquiry based on the climate of national defence that had never been examined or debated. Mr Macaulay put the level of com-pensation the area should receive at £10m.

There was widespread hos-tility in the Western Isles to the decision (Our Stornoway Correspondent writes). Angus MacCormack, chairman of the Keep Nato Our Com-mittee, which has been campaigning over the past two
years against the proposal,
said: The Secretary of State
for Scotland has declared war
on the Western Isles: His decision flies in the face of democracy and his much vaunted wish to show humanity to the

"He is, in effect, thrusting upon the people of Lewis and the Western Isles a living death noise. He has chosen to ignore the evidence placed before him would be eroded.

The objectors included the troyed his credibility as a demoWestern Isles Council, the local cratic leader."

Criminal injuries compensation

Ex-PC wants special fund after £129,700 award

A former police constable. who has received the highest award ever made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation. Board, spoke last night of his struggle to obtain the money and called for a special fund to be set up for badly injured collect officers. police officers.

Mr David Pebble, a family man, who was awarded £129,700 for severe injuries he received when he fell from a roof in 1975, described the past. seven years as traumatic. He said: "We have had to push and struggle for everything we have had. It has been a hell of a fight."

34, who is paraplegic and con-fined to a wheelchair, added: The sounds uncredible. You really think you are doing a fob for the service of the public and if something goes wrong you should have no problems. But we have had a hell of a lot of problems." Mr Prebble was impoled on from spikes after falling from

He was paralyzed from the chest downwards and, after six months in Stoke Mandeville hospital, was reemployed by only non-policemen operator of a computer terminal. He works at Croydon police station and is married with three daugh-

His final award was made on appeal, more than five years after the accident. Initially, he was offered £28,000 He also had to take out a £30,000 bank overdraft, uddimately provided at 1 per cent interest by an understanding bank manager, to him a bungalow. His local council, he said, told him it could not help with important bathroom alterations because he earned too much. He described the response of

felolw officers, from Sir. Robert Mark, the former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, to the men in his divi-sion who raised £19,000 for him, as absolutely mervelious. But, he added: "PCs should not have to give helf a day's pay or organize dances so that we can set up a new home.

The former officer, who says he misses police work terribly, has already given one important and slightly cynical piece of advice to Police Constable Philip Olds the London police.

Philip Olds, the London police-man paralysed when shot chasing two robbers last year. That was to hire the best legal brains available.

I don't blame the compensation board because they have to operate under constraints.

But your award is possibly as good as the solicitor you employ to put forward your case", he said.
Mr Prebble said his award had broken new ground because it was based on his need for long-term nursing care.

cities "expose themselves to the risk of violence whenever

they insist on being paid by a passenger", the Criminal In-juries Compensation Board said yesterday in its annual report (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes). The board's suspicion that bus conductors who fear essault do not press for fares

was borne out by the Transport and General Workers' Union Mr Charles Young the union's London bus secretary, said: "We would advise them to avoid trouble in that situation." The board suspects there is a considerable loss of revenue to bus companies ". The board says: "We regard the situation as appalling and it is getting worse. We have no doubt that the only solution is that it should be made clear that such offenders will face

that such offenders will face immediate custodial sentences."

Mr Young said that there were 600 to 700 attacks on bus staff in London each year which resulted in them taking one or more days off sick. Criminal Inputes Compensation Board Report and Accounts (Cmnd 8401. Stationery Office; £4.20).

OUERIED

prosecution evidence during the trial at Stafford of four men accused of the murder of a newsboy, Carl Bridgewater, was a wholly unreliable wit-uess, counsel claimed in the Court of Appeal in London

quite damning observations which she said had passed between the men in the Dog and Partridge public house

Mr Justice Taylor are hearing applications by three of the men for leave to challenge their convictions of murder and aggravated burglary.

James Edward Robinson, aged 47, of Wolston Croft, Weoley Castle, Birmingham, was jailed for life.

Vincent James Hickey, aged 27, of Lower Beeches Road, Northfields, Birmingham, was also jailed for life.

of Laburnum Trees, Holly-wood Birmingham, was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure.

The fourth, Patrick Molloy, aged 51, who was given a 12-

OXFORD'S FORESTRY FELLED

Oxford dons approved by proposal, recommended by the University Grants Committee, to cease all undergraduate teaching in the university's honours school of agriculture and forestry.

batical leave, and to cease grants from the university's

travelling expenses fund. Estimates for spending by Cambridge this year, which involve making virtually no cuts in services by dint of drawing more than £400,000

taking place of a ballot of dons

Alternative financing of NHS

PM's QUESTIONS

alternative methods of financing the National Health Service. Mars Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said when a Labour MP questioned her about a report in The Guardian today which he said concerned Government proposely as the NASS as the server was NASS as the server was the the server posals to scrap the NHS as it was

Labour Government, she said. Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, stated there were great suspicions about Govern-

ment approaches towards the health service.

Mr Foot, holding a copy of The Times, referred to a reported statement by the Director of the Brigish Museum that if nothing was changed it would have to

grant next year. The precise amount would have to await full Mr William Hamilton (Central

health service is the most popu-lar public service that we have and that any threat from her to undermine the basic principles on revolutionary situation in this

the then Secretary of State (Mr Patrick Jenkin) announced a

(interruptions.)
It seems that only the minds of
Labour MPs are closed to new
ideas which are reasonable, even
to look at new ideas. Mr Foot: Since such great suspicious are bound to be

Mrs Thatcher give us an assur-ance that there will be a debate before any further proceedings by this committee? A report appeared in the

British Museum to a select committee. (Interruptions) I know the barbarians on the Conservative benches are not interested in the British Museum; we on this side of the Bouse certainly hear with great alarm that the Director of the British Museum should be saying that If nothing is changed, they would have to close down in two years.

Will Mrs Thatcher give an undertaking that she will intervene today to put a stop to this barbaric nonsense?

Mrs Thatcher: The full news of the setting up of the working party was announced last July. It is continuing its work. It will identify possible alternatives to mittee, (Interruptions) I know

financing the health service and then of course this will be looked at to see what the details require

DES reviewing student union

The Department of Education and Science is urgently considering whether subscriptions to stu-dent unions should be voluntary as there are worries about some of their activities. Mr William Waldegrave, Under Secretary of State for Education, said.



Waldegrave: Difficult precedent to accept

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Maccles-field, C) had asked the minister to after the arrangements for the financing of student unions so as to make subscriptions to them voluntary rather than mandatory. Mr Waldegrave: With the excep-tion of Oxbridge junior common rooms, there are no subscriptions to students' unloss which are now financed through recurrent income by their parent institu-

at to see what the details require for further work.

On museums, I gave a reception for the directors and those on the boards of the museums last evening. The grant in 1981-82 was seven to eight per cent above that of 1980-81. They can look forward to some increase next year.

from Mr Winterton: There is a grow-ing movement within the students against compulsory union mem-bership who believe part of Tory whilosophy is responsible free-ton. onm.
.ne case of Paul Soden, who
was excluded from Manchester

SECOND READING

when he moved its second read-

ing. He said the Bill, which gives

subscriptions

Polytechnic because he was not prepared to pay that part of his annual subscription due to the student union, is quite wrong, particularly as he was qualified and eligible for admission to Manchester Polytechnic. The minister should give this case and the whole subject of voluntary membership his urgent attention. hir Waldegrave: The Department is indeed giving the matter urgent attention. I suspect at the back of his mind are worties about the political activities of student unions and activities

to accept. Students would then perhaps regard themselves as free not to contribute that part of the fee as they regarded as covering other departments, some of which they do not use.

Over 4,000 in assisted

EDUCATION

ing children under the assisted places scheme was the same as if they were at state schools.

He said that two thirds of the parents sending children to public schools under the scheme were earning less than the average wage.

Mr John Cartisle (Luton, West, C) had asked what was the cost in the present financial year for the education of children under the assisted places scheme and what would be the comparable cost if they were educated in the maintained sector. the boyson: My department expects to pay gran; of about 23.2m in this financial year in respect of the 4,185 pupils admitted to assisted places in September.

A new special health act Commission, would be concerned with mentally disordered patients compulsorily detained in hospital under the Act and would visit hospitals and examine records. Its members, including lawyers, doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists and lay people, would be available to patients and staff.

Lord Wallace of Coslany for the Opposition, said he still felt that mental hospitals contained many people who need not be there if adequate facilities for residential and day care were available.

vices with fewer vehicles than cases frightening vehicles in the licence fee and I do not see why they should be open to saide remarks.

The average cost of providing for that number of pupils to arrend maintained secondary schools for two terns this year, Is also estimated to be \$1.2m.

Mr Carliste: The scheme has been an outstanding success, presents real value for money to the tax-payer and has been welcomed by many thousands of parents throughout the land as widening the choice for their children's education.

Mr Boyson: I agree with its comments. One-third of parents have family incomes which means they are paying no fees at all. Another third are below the average wage, so that two-thirds are below the verage wage.

The scheme is bringing into excess of pupils wand to contain two differs are below the average wage.

The cheme is bringing into on our roads a 38-ronner from deprived backgrounds.

Why has he made no proposal industrial efficiency.

Problems with substitute for asbestos

ducted only in cases where there had been a lengthy exposure to the substitutes themselves did not as testos, but it had now been involve health hazards. At the found that long exposure was not necessary for the contraction of certified about the report in The asbestosis. It now had to be Times restrictly on the subject of accepted that we were dealing a delay which it seemed, had with a fethal substance which gone on rather longer than could be found in and around many households. many households.

employed in dangerous industries were rapidly becoming better the formed by their trade unions and would not easily forgive legislators if there was continued pro-

crastination on this subject. The change to alternative materials to asbestos was making better progress overseas. In contart United Kingdom industry Health and Safety Commission to control the pace at which any change from asbestos industry to control the pace at which any change from asbestos was made. Meanwhile workers were still working in levels of asbestos which the advisory committee on subestos said should not be allowed to continue after December, 1980.

Lord Ponsonby of Shulhrede, for the Opposition, said their major concern must be the eradication of health hazards, whether ade-quate safety standards were being used, and, where this was not

New mental health law to be implemented in 1983 and patients being deprived of personal effects. Lord Hoosen (L) said the most

disorders than to any other illness.
Lord Elystan-Morgan (Lab), for the Opposition, said that there was no reason why a child, young person, or older person suffering from mental handicap should be dealt with in any way in law differently from those with blindness, desfuess or a stunted limb. Lord on the of Ashbourne, a Lord in Weiting replying to the debate said there would be further discussions with Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Heafith and Social Security, on the separation of the mentally ill and the mentally handicapped.

The Bill was read a second time.

Lord Hooson (L) said the most worrying part of the Bill was the proposed scheme for Imposing freatment on unwilling or non-consenting patients which introduced an entirely new principle into law. This was misguided and unbalanced.

Lady Lane-Fox (C) said there was still bias and prejudice which could damage a lot of ex-mental patients. She had spent two nights as a patient in a mental hospital before 1957 with one nurse on duty and 14 dispurbed patients. No more shame should be attached to such set-backs and disorders than to any other illness.

BARMAID'S EVIDENCE

Lord Lyell, Lord in Waiting, for the Government, said it welcomed the efforts still being made by industry and especially by research institutes to develop substitutes for asbestos but the unique combination of properties which had led to the widespread use of asbestos in general had made it difficult to replace. The Government would advise product in substitution.

The optential substitute for asbestos developed at Survey University and mentioned in The Times was a manufatured that hid to be developed. This made the product more complicated and more costly to produce. That problem had created a potential difficulty in changing over to thi problem had created a potential difficulty in changing over to thi new material.

The decision of any company, whether or not to manufacture a particular product (he continued) is for that company to take, bearing to mind the technical, social, medical and economic fectors. A barmaid who gave vital

yesterday.

Mr Douglas Draycott, QC, told the court that Mrs Helen Johnston had given evidence of and Fartrage public house, Birmingham, after the shoot-ing of Carl, aged 13, at Yew Tree Farm, Wordsley, West Midlands, in 1979. Tord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice Mr Justice Goff, and Mr Justice Taylor are hearing

His brother Michael, now 19.

year sentence for manslaughter, died in prison last June. The hearing was adjourned miti today.

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

However, they rejected by 47 votes to 31 another costsaving proposal to abolish extra payments for academic staff involved in marking examination papers or in supervising graduate students. Oxford expects to lose 8 percent of its income by 1983-84. The general board of faculties at Cambridge is planning to put a similar proposal on examining and supervising payments to Cambridge dons. it will also ask dons to approve proposals to stop payments, for substitute teaching while academics are on sab-

from the university's reserves, were approved in a ballot of dons At Bristol, counting was

to decide whether the university should close its school of architecture, faculty of education, and departments of tion, and departments of Russian, Italian, and history of

working party was looking at ternative methods of financing

There were now 1,000 more doctors and 21,000 more nurses and midwives than under the last

close in two years. Mrs Thatcher said museums coold look forward to some increase in

morning concerning the Govern-ment's proposal to scrap the National Health Service as we Does she recognize that the

even she would stoop to such skuldungery. even she would stoop to such skulduzgery.

Mrs Thatcher: The principle that adequate health care should be provided for all, regardless of their ability to pay must be the foundation of any arrangements for financing the health service.

Some time ago, on July 30, 1981, the then Secretary of State 4Mr.

The Mental Health (Amendment)
Bill, which amends the Mental
Health Act 1959, was a good Bill
and one which the Government
intended to make even better if it
were practicable. Lord Etton,
Under Secretary of State for
Health and Social Security, said
when he moved its second readsuspicions are bound to he aroused about any approach by this Government to the NHS, can patients new rights, specified that all but three provisions should be implemented on September 30, 1983. The Government hoped for Royal Assent by next

papers this morning following the

to do so.

student minors and activities which do not appear to be connected with the original purposes of student unions.

As for cases like Mr Soden and his unwillingness to contribute to the student union that part of the fee he calculated to be necessary, it would be a difficult precedent

places scheme

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secre-

tary of State for Education and Science, repeatedly stated during questions that the cost of educat-ing children under the assisted

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Society for the Prevention of Asbestosis and Industrial Disease maintained that the pneumoconiosis medical panels were failing to recognize that their methods of diagnosing asbestosis were out of date, the Earl of Gosford said.

The panels relied for determining the level of fibres in lung tissue on the optical microscope which failed to detect the line white fibres.

Lord Gosford, who was opening debate on the progress made in developing asbestos substitutes and whether the Government was satisfied with the methods of monitoring asbestos that are currently in general use, said Mrs Nancy Tait, secretary of the society had been single-mindedly collecting evidence for a number of years. The nub of that evidence was that the danger of lung and other cancers due to inhalation of asbestos fibres had been under-estimated and unrecognized as being caused by white asbestos, the most widely used variety.

The cases of men, women and children found to be affected by asbestosis was increasing. One of the problems was that post mortems in the past had been contents in the past had been contents.

to be detained anywhere and some would constitute a considerable threat to the public.

A new special health authority, the Mental Health Act Commission, would be concerned with mentally disordered patients compulsorily detained in hospital under the Act and would visit hospitally and examine records.

Said there was a cry in society for any justification for sending such people to hospital under the computation, would be allayed if a patient applying to the proposed mental publish of a court order, or any other kind of personasion. Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab) said it was a good Bill, but the Government should find ways of acting article in The Times today by Lord Completic Constitution for sending such people to hospital under the computation of a court order, or any other kind of personasion. heath review tribulais could be legally represented.

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Maurice Wood, said that the article in The Times today by Brian Rix, secretary general of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults (Mencap) on the difference between mental handicap and mental illness, had something to say for the future.

Lord Kilmarnock (SDP) said the Bill introduced a new principle into English law and for him triggered off a whole battery of alarm bells. The 1959 Act as it stood conferred no statutory right on a medical practitioner to treat a parient without his consent.

Lord Renton, chairman of Men-

compulsorily detained in Rospital moder the Act and would visit hospitals and examine records. Its members, including lawyers, doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists and lay people, would be available to patients and staff.

Lord Wallace of Costany for the Opposition, said he still felt that mental hospitals contained many people who need not be there if adequate facilities for residential and day care were available.

Welcome improvements had been made over the years, but such facilities were still far from adequate and in some cases had been made over the years, but such facilities were still far from adequate and in some cases had been reduced because of financial cap, said the 1959 Act as it stood conferred no stainbay inject on a medical practitioner to treat a patient without his consult. Lord Renton, chairman of Mencapy of this kind would increase.

The Bill, although welcome, only touched the fringe of the problem of the prevention, treatment and cure of mental illness, mand the mentally ill. This new measure made no change of mentally or physically ill and this lower were often without first class reported and the mentally ill. This new measure made no change of mentalliness.

Mental handicap, in the accepted sense, was put to one side for the time being.

Lady Rebson of Kiddington (L)



Bridges to suffer most from new passenger safety The number of de line of Briti

After years of nervous hesitation, the Government yesterday finally announced details of its proposal to raise the maximum lorry weight from 32.5 to 40 tonnes. The grants will be continued, the White Paper says, and sadness by environmentalists, and with pleasure and relief by industry.

But the White Paper says that, with other measures to reduce noise and by-pass towns, the effect will be to Another Armitage recombers the working of British Rail last year was the lowest since records started nearly a century ago, the Department of Transport said in its annual railway accident report, published today. It shows that no passenger was killed in a railway accident.

The total numbers of deaths, at 69, included railway men killed at work and other people who died through misadventure or suicide.

towns, the effect will be to improve the environment because there will be fewer heavy lorries (69,000 over 32 tonnes instead of 79,000 if no change were made) and to improve the economy by saving about £150m a year.

Because the extra weight will be spread on five axles instead of four, road damage will be reduced 5 per cent, the paper adds.

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There is one important exception to that, however: long-span bridges. On those, the White Paper concedes, there could be a "significantly greater loading effect" in the case of a build-up of heavy traffic, including heavy lorries. Work is already in hand to ensure that the Severn Bridge can be used safely by 40-tonners. Similar work will be carried out on long-span structures out on long-span structures throughout the trunk road

system, the paper says.
Other bridge owners will need to consider if weight restrictions are needed. The effect on bridges generally however is said not to be

Four new by-pass schemes, around Quorn and Mountsor-rel in Leicestershire, Beckington in Somerset, Iwade in Kent, and Winchel-sea in East Sussex, are added to the programme forthwith. Seven more, Newport, (Shropshire), Wisbech and West Walton, Narborough, Kelsall, Brockworth and Bridport, will get higher

than half of

ommendation, that "section 8 grants", to encourage the transfer of traffic from road to rail be increased, is studiuosly avoided.

The number of deaths in the working of British Rail

time when the life of railway equipment had had to be extended because of eco-

But Mr Malcolm South-gate, British Rail's chief operations manager, issued a warning that while the rail-

the first time, the number of reportable train accidents fell below 1,000 to 930.

nomic considerations.

Another Armitage recommendation, for florry action areas meriting special environmental measures where heavy lorry nuisance is particularly bad, is merely trend had been achieved at a control of railways, and the second control of railways, are particularly bad, is merely trend had been achieved at a control of railway. where heavy lorry unisance is particularly bad, is merely accepted as well worth studying. Local authorities and others will be invited to join the study.

Noise levels of heavy lorries will be progressively reduced so that by 1990 the perceived noise coming from new lorries on the road will be half this years level, and no louder than a modern new car, the paper promises. That bad added to the difficulties of those whose task it was to maintain and operate the railways in safe-

Development of a new quiet heavy lorry for the 1990's will be pressed ahead after the successful develop-

Development of a new quiet heavy lorry for the 1990's will be pressed ahead after the successful development of a prototype which, however, has an 8 per cent cost penalty plus a payload penalty.

There will be no general increase in size with the rise improve safety. Where investment is not available, speed restrictions will be imposed restrictions will be imposed restrictions will be imposed restrictions. The report shows that for the first time, the number of reportable train accidents fell below 1,000 to 930. than the 32-tonner, mainly because it has a more spacious cab.

The paper accepts that the effect of big lorries on people and the communities through which they pass is now a matter of grave public concern, and in many towns and villages where there is no by-pass the effects are intolerable.

"The Government is deter-mined to tackle those en-vironmental and social prob-More than half of England's historic towns already have by-passes. So have 215 of the 275 towns a trunk roads with more than 10,000 in population.

By-passes will generally receive a higher priority in line with the recommendations of the Armitage committee.

wironmental and social problems vigorously, but at the same time its approach will be essentially practical, bearing in mind the needs of industry in a period of economic revival."

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Lorries, People, and the Environ-ment (Department of Transport, House of Commons Paper 8439; Stationery Office, £1.50).



be the oldest person in Britain, she lives in a home for the elderly at Cowbridge, South Glamorgan, where she will celebrate quietly with friends.

MP's Bill aimed at unfit meat racket

resent were introduced yesterday at a press conference organized jointly by the National Consumer Council and the Consumers' Associ-

ation.

Mr Frederick Willey:
Labour MP for Sunderland
North, who has top place,
will introduce a Supply of
Goods and Services Bill,
giving people who hire items,
buy them in part exchange,
or have them supplied as part
of a service the same protection as cash shoppers.

His Bill would also define

when they obtain a service:
the work to be performed
with reasonable skill and
care, within reasonable time
and at a reasonable cost
where no price has been

Mr Willey said yesterday:
"This will not give con-sumers a host of new rights. It is an attempt to make sense out of nonsense."

Mr Norman Atkinson, Labour MP for Haringey, Tottenham, has second place. His Food and Drugs (Amend-ment) Bill follows court cases that have revealed wide-scale racketeering in unfit meat channelled into the food processing industry iuman consumption. Mr Atkinson's Bill would

To the excitement of the enable Food and Drugs Act consumer lobby, which has seen little relevant legislation Crown Court, instead of only passed under the present in magistrates' courts as at Government, three MPs highly placed in the ballot for would be raised from £100 to private members' Bills have £1,000 on summarry convictors and present of the proposals for instance of the proposals for Government, three MPs highly placed in the ballot for private members' Bills have espoused proposals for important reforms of consumer law.

The Bills the MPs will passed under the present of magistrates' courts as at present. The maximum fine would be raised from £100 to £1,000 on summary conviction, or an unlimited amount on indictment, with the further possibility of up to two years' imprisonment.

Mr Atkinson said: "The bill would put meat racket-eering into the serious crime league. At present no one can safely say they have not eaten unfit or contaminated meat. I have been astonished by the evidence of how veterinary throw-outs and even cancerous carcasses find their way into the food

buy them in part exchange, or have them supplied as part of a service the same protection as cash shoppers.

His Bill would also define basic rights for consumers when they obtain a service: the work to be performed with reasonable skill and care, within reasonable time selling meat that was unfit that was unfit median as the support of the selling meat that was unfit that was u selling meat that was unfit and dangerous to health.

The Bill would also extend the time limits for bringing a prosecution from six months

to three years.

Mr Atkinson said his Bill went far beyond anything the Government had proposed, but he thought he could

count on its support.

The third Bill, to be introduced by Mr Gwilym Roberts, Labour MP for Cannock, would extend the Trade Descriptions Act to estate agents, tour operators, state agents, tour operators, boses or chemicals; or bom bardment by radiation.

New hope of clearing Gruinard of anthrax

The Ministry of Defence is reviewing ways of ridding Gruinard Island, the site of Second World War germ warfare tests, of lethal spores of anthrax. The study will be conducted by scientists at the Porton Down research centre

Porton Down research near Salisbury, Wiltshire. An investigation in An investigation in 1971 suggested three methods, but they were rejected as too expensive. The costs were estimated at between £3m and £15m at 1971 prices.

Anthrax-infected soil was removed from — the island in October by a group of alleged microbiologists, calling themselves "Dark Harvest".

Stolen samples were planted inside the Porton

Down perimeter fence, and later at Blackpool, near the venue of the Conservative Party conference.

A spokesman for the ministry, said yesterday; 'Our study group is intensively reviewing ways of decontaminating Gruinard Island. Various methods are being studied, and the cost involved."

A survey in 1979 of the one-and-a-half-mile-long is-land, near Ullapool, Wester Ross, showed that it was still heavily contaminated with anthrax.

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Road safety improvements

PROPOSALS FOR HEAVY ARTICULATED VEHICLES

Existing maximum weight-32.52 tonnes

Proposed maximum weight 40 tonnes

Drop in number of road deaths may continue

By Our Transport Correspondent

After announcing the low-est road casualty figures for sharp contrast to the general 22 years, the Department of picture. All casualties have Transport is hoping for a fallen by 10 per cent over the further drop in deaths and past decade, but motor cycle serious injuries as a result of deaths have risen by 50 per serious injuries as a result of death new safety legislation due cent.

next year.
Last year, 6,010 people were killed on the roads, the fewest since 1958 when the total was 5,970. Over the same period, the volume of traffic rose threefold.

Provisional figures for the first quarter of this year show a further drop of 8 per cent in fatalities and a 6 per cent fall in the number of these societals in important these societals in the same of these societals in interest. those seriously injured.

The most important effect on casualties over the next few years could come with the introduction of the compulsory wearing of seat belts for car drivers and front seat passengers. That is expected to become law by next summer. The Government has estimated that if the "wearing rate" went up from the present 32 per cent to 100 per cent, 1,000 lives and 10,000 serious injuries could be saved in 2 aver. be saved in a year. A "wearing rate" of 75 per cent would save 650 lives. The Department of Transport is also hoping to reverse the upward trend in motor

Boys expelled in

Two senior boys at Bedford School, Bedfordshire,

Since the inquiry the boys have been sent back to their homes in Germany. A third boy was expelled for possessing the drug, and a fourth was expelled for unsatisfactory behaviour, including possessing smoking equipment.

Father, Police Constable Ian Foulger, aged 26, driving.

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In an attempt to reduce motor cycle casualties, the Government is introducing a tougher, two-part, driving test, limiting the size of machine that a learner may drive and restricting the time On

Next year, too, the drink-driving laws will be tightened and the Government expects and the Government expects that will have a deterrent effect on potential violators. Among the changes will be the use of electronic breath testing machines at police stations in place of blood or wine samples. urine samples.

Britain already has one of the best road casualty records in Europe. Only Norway and Sweden have proportionately fewer road deaths.

The worst year for road causualties in Britain was 1941, during the wartime blackout, when 9,169 people were killed. The highest figure in peacetime was 7,985 deaths in 1966.

Policemen die in car crash drugs inquiry Three policemen were kil-

have been expelled for selling baby of one of them.
drugs to other pupils. Both were questioned by drug squad officers investigating cannabis peddling.

Celebrating the baby of one of them.
Four constables, all off-duty, left a public house on Monday night, with the father, Police Constable Ian

possessing smoking equipment.

Bedford School, where boarders pay £2,682 a year, said the two boys sent to Germany had been expelled for obtaining and distributing cannabis.

Bedfordshire.

The dead men were Police Constable Foulger, of Mowbray Close, Bedford, Ian Purdie, aged 23, of Arundel Drive, Bedford, and Kevin Brice, aged 26, of Goldington Green, Bedford. The fourth man was seriously injured. man was seriously injured.

Many companies hear no evil, see no evil and will speak no evil of the company car.

In fact the company car is so much taken for granted you may have long since ceased to evaluate its real effectiveness.

The company car no doubt has some advantages. But for longer trips it can be one of the slowest ways of getting from A to B.

And what exactly are your executives doing all the time they're in the car? They can't prepare for business meetings, they can't relax, they can't even think. And yet you pay them every moment they're in the car. Pay them in effect for doing nothing.

Now, suppose they leave the car behind and take the train. They will be safer (in 1980 not one passenger was killed in a train

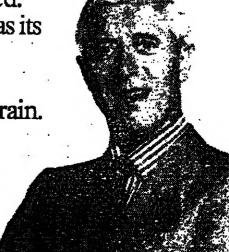
accident). They will almost certainly arrive quicker. They can relax in air-conditioned comfort on many trains, sit back in ergonomically designed seats, and give their full attention to any business problem that needs solving.

On Inter-City trains there is ample desk space and a virtual guarantee of freedom from interruptions. Which means an exceptionally high level of productivity. Perhaps even higher than that achieved in the office.

Which makes the true cost of train travel very low indeed.

Undeniably, the car has its place. But for longer trips, especially, there's a lot of wisdom in opting for the train.

This is the age of the train ==



Sabotage

output in

Saboteurs have blown up

runs the Petrangol plant near Luanda, said that it could be out of operation for two

Unita, the anti-Government

support, claimed responsibility for the attack on Monday, which was carried out with Soviet rocket-propelled gren-ades. The resulting fire was

The claim was made by Dr onas Savimbi, the Unita

Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, in New York yester-

day.

Dr Savimbi said an all-out offensive could be launched once Namibia gained independence and would demonstrate that his forces did not depend that his forces and not depend that his forces are a south Africa's presence in

on South Africa's presence in

the territory.

He also said in an interview

with Reuters that Unita had received "signals" of a wil-

linguess to negotiate from factions of the ruling MPLA

party in Angola.

The attack was a demonstration of Unita strength despite the executions of 16 of

its leaders in August, 1980.

If there are more executions,

"If there are more executions, we promise we are going to strike again", he said. Further attacks would be made "every time we see any political or military value in it".

He said he was receiving reports of mass arrests in Luanda and was watching for any exercitions.

The Angolan Government claimed the attack was the work of South Africa using a group of white mercenaries.

The government press agency said journalists in Luanda were shown the body of a white man who was said

to have been one of two white mercenaries killed in the attack. Lieutenant-Colonel

Pedro Van Donem, the Angolan

oil and Energy Minister, said
the attackers may have come
by submarine. The South
African Government swiftly
denied the allegations.
The minister confirmed that
the area where the finished oil
products are stored had been

products are stored had been

badly damaged and added that the whole refining plant which had a capacity of 33,000 barrels a day had been closed

A government statement yesterday said the saboteurs

were trying to cut off oil supplies to Angolan troops fighting the South African Army in the south of the coun-

strategic implications of a fuel shortage in a country where

the Angolan Army is involved

in a costly war.

The Angolan Government

says its troops have never been able to regain control of the

South African Army during last August's incursion.

According to a separate oil ministry communique, the refinery attack caused a rush

on Luanda's petrol pumps; but it promised that refined pro-

ducts would be imported to

movement, which in south-eastern with South African

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Geneva delegates settle down to hard bargaining

tions to the talks about limiting nuclear weapons in Europe held their first negotiating session here today, in a room with a breathtaking view and a clock that was five

It lasted two hours and 40 minutes and will be followed by another on Priday, Twiceweekly meetings alternating between the Soviet and American headquarters on Tuesdays and Fridays will become the pattern for the talks, with less formal discussions in between.

If the world's two most powerful nations ever resolve to kiss and make up, it would surely have to be here in the eighth floor American conference room overlooking Lake Geneva, glistening in the winter sunshine, and beyond that the French Alps with Mont Blanc on the horizon.

One potential source of discord is that the Amercans have taken the best seats facing the windows and the balcony, while the Russians Kvitsinsky's ashtray in which once more have to turn their someone had stubbed our a service world. backs upon the outside world and gaze upon a row of rather indifferent modern prints on

"We always sit this side at arms control talks", a sweating public relations official said. "No, we didn't toss for it—and no, we don't change round at halftime. We just always sit this side."

Standstill

at Madrid

From Harry Debelius

head of the Soviet delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe,

blacken all that is noble" in

his country. Negotiations are now virtually at a standstill.

Mr Max Kampelman, the chief of the United States

rights in the Soviet Union, began a hunger strike along

Mr Ilyichov expressed sur-prise that the United States

diplomat should repeatedly defend people who have lost

their honour and are guilty of

Mr Kampelman admitted to-

day that negotiations on sec-tions of the Helsinki accords

heing dealt with by various committees, "have come pretty

much to a standstill."

ment conference.

Madrid, Dec 1 Leonid Ilyichov, thi

security

Soviet and American delega- the United States Arms Control have attended the Vienna talks and Disarmament Agency and was used during the last series of Salt talks. It is large and functional, with a 30ft polished wooden table which today was the focal point of most press

> Apart from the view, the facilities were austere—just a pristine pad of notepaper before each place, two sharpened pencils apiece with built-in India rubbers and trays of water jugs and glasses.

The delegations arrived minute late, led by Mr Paul Nize for the Americans and Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky for the Russians, both of whom sat facing each other in the centre of the table, in high-backed leather revolving chairs. Each side had nine other members and advisers, in low-backed matching chairs who sat nodding at each other with polite interest, like visiting Rotarians.

Kvitsinsky's ashtray in which someone had stubbed our a couple of king-size filter-tips. Mr Nitze, who looked happier on his home ground, invited his duelling partner to shake hands for the cameras. "Once more?" beamed Mr Kvitsinsky, and they shook hands for the next few minutes.

"MBFR tie", he remarked cheerfully across the table, a reference to the tie designed

on Mutual Balanced Force Reductions in Europe since they opened eight years ago. part of an Angolan oil refinery As nobody was actually wearing an MBFR tie, this baffled and the damage will cause severe shortages of refined everyone. Mr Kvitsinsky's own tie was navy blue with white polka dots. "I have a SALT 1 A spokesman for Petrofina, the Belgian oil company which tie at home", volunteered Mr

they politely ejected the media and got down to the business of the arms negotiations. These have now been officially if unilaterally rechristened by Nato the Intermediate-range Nucear Forces (INF) Talks. The "intermediate" replaces "theatre" in deference to those countries who did not want reminding that in wartime they would not only be in the Euro-pean theatre, but would be sit-ting somewhere in the front

Oslo: Dr Joseph Luns, Nato's Secretary-General, has given the Geneva talks "a fair chance of reaching an agree-

after completing two days of talks with Norwegian Govern-ment officials and officers at Nato's Northern Europe Head-quarters (Afnorth) here, Dr Luns said: "I'm not pessi-mistic. There is a fair chance that some agreement might be reached, concluded and signed. Although that agree-ment might not be what we all that an agreement is better

Peace protest echoed in the Soviet block

The West European peace movement is beginning to be peace and security because on echoed faintly in the Soviet block. The main source is the and on the other it accustomed Lutheran Church of East people to the possibility of said here today that American accusations - of Government sponsored anti-semitism in the Soviet Union are "dirty, repulsive, immoral lies" which "blacken all that is noble" in

assembly, it supported a call for a pacifist alternative to military service, suggesting work in hospitals, old people's homes and other institutions. In Hungary a number of Roman Catholic priests have recently been suspended for preaching in support of conscientious objection to military service.

chief of the United States
delegation, referred to the
"ugly phenomenon" of antitemiric activities and called
them "a particularly perpicious
espect of Soviet repression".

Mr Kampelman reminded
representatives of the 35 The instigators of the paci-ist movement in East fist movement in East Germany's Lutheran Church seem to have been mainly young activists, but the move-ment has rapidly gained wide-spread support. By the time the assembly met last month the regional synods of the church had received about nations at the conference that Dr Andrei Sakharov, a dis-tinguished advocate of human with his wife nine days ago in the city of Gorky, where they are living in internal exile. 4,000 petitions from local church communities urging church communities urging them to come out in favour of the "social peace service", as it is called.

The Lutheran Church has also been openly critical of their honour and are guilty of treason and other related crimes. He chided his American counterpart for not talking about Eastern European proposals for a disarmament conference. exercises.

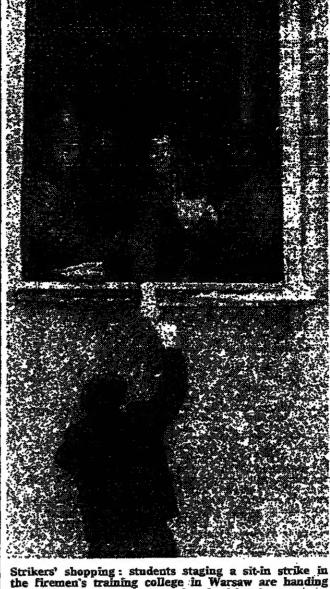
At last month's assembly the synod of Saxony reflected a view widely held in the church when it said that this

The East German authorities have rejected the call for a pacifist alternative to military service as "hostile to peace, Socialism and the constitusocialism and the constru-tion", but they are in an awkward position in view of the barrage of propaganda they have maintained against militarist tendencies in the

The president of the Lutheran church in the city of Dessau said: "Young people are tired of having to tell themselves that a weapon in the hands of the workers serves the cause of peace but serves the cause of peace, but in the bands of the imperalists serves the cause of war." Attempts to exploit the

West European peace move-ment have in some cases rebounded. At a recent con-ference of the Czech Com-munist Party a delegate called for closer contacts with the peace movement, which he peace movement, which he described as "clearly anti-American". But recently the Voice of the German Demo-cratic Republic radio station border provinces seized by the tried to explain why there is no need for a similar peace movement in East Germany.

The answer, that the East German state and its citizens were united in opposing the arms race was predictable, but perhaps not entirely prevent shortages.



money to a passer-by to buy food for them.

Riot police blockade Warsaw college

About 1,000 Polish riot leader, and Prime Minister Mr olice moved into position Mieczylaw Rakowski a Deputy round the country's main Prime Minister, and the 200-strong Central Committee have a students occupying the assault on party influence. police moved into position around the country's main fireman's academy last night in an attempt to put pressure on students occupying the building.

The 350 students, all training to be fire department officers, are calling for the demilitari-zation of the college. Their aim is to ensure that the college falls under a new draft Bill guaranteeing democratic rights for all civilian academic insti-

At present, the firemen's cademy is run by the Interior Ministry but has strong mil-tary elements in its staffing and would probably not benefit from the draft Bill to be considered by the Polish Parlia-ment in the next few days.

The Communist Party leadership has taken the sit-in protest extremely seriously, seeing it as a direct challenge. The protest follows similar sit-ins and occupations in about 70 institutions throughout the country, most of which are demanding more democratic elections for senior staff.

The police have cordoned off

the academy for the past three days but have stepped up their presence today after the apparent failure of talks between the student body and senior officials. General Stanis-law Zaczkowski, the deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, and Mr Tomasz Ostrowski, Commander in Chief of the Fire Department, bave both to open talks with the

Sources in Solidarity, the independent trade union move-ment, which is backing the protest, said that the author-ities did not appear to be will-ing to concede significant

tions will be allowed to continue their studies.

There was still no indication last night whether the riot police would actually move into the building or indeed what the authorities hope to achieve by blockading the building. Party campaign: The Communist Party's leadership has launched an all-out propaganda. campaign against attempts to oust party officials from factories.

The final communique of the Central Committee, which met in plenary session at the weekend, put the party view with exceptional toughness. "A campaign has started

against committees and members of the Polish United Workers' Party", if said. "Many units of Solidarity, carrying out political conceptions of illegal anti-socialist organizations, exert pressure on activists of works' committees as well as attempt to mittees as well as attempt to oust the party from works' plants. A firm end must be put

Party officials say that referendums have been held to elect factory committees in 21 out of 49 regions in Poland, though factory committees in 21 out of 49 regions in Poland, though they have not disclosed the results.

In Solidarity's view, the aim is not so much to oust the party factors and the Soviet of Source o

from its controlling role in factories as to create shopfloor. democracy by opening all works committee positions to free elections.

But, inevitably, this has led to the ousting of many party officials, reflecting a high de-gree of resentment about the committees whose role is essentially to do little more than urge higher productivity and set ideological guidelines. Some of the sharpest accusations of party malpractice and corruption have been made against such committee members.

The party is seriously werried about losing this foothold in the factories for three main reasons. The committees have to some extent been able The Interior Ministry, in an organizing the now rather attempt to put further pressure on the students, has an nounced the discolarie.

ings.
The committees are also exdeneral Mieczyslaw Kiszczak, the Interior Minister, has promised that students who promise to respect the regulations will be allowed to continue their studies.

There was still no indication

important.
Finally, the party is very anxious about the large number of defections from its ranks in all 400,000 have left or been expelled from the party in the

last six months.

Factories play an important role in Polish life—much food distribution, for example, is centred on the factories—and the national leadership thus The party clearly fears that the factory committees, one of its main power bases are being undermined by Solidarity. In swift succession, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the party its lost credibility.

From Ian Murray, Brussels, Dec 1

The British Labour Party hypothesis which may never as sent a fact-finding ream on come about , said Mr Geoffrey two-day mission to the Bish, the party's head of bus sent a fact-finding team on a two-day mission to the European Commission to pre-

leader, said the talks had been very friendly and helpful and had enabled the party to pin-point the issues which needed clarifying. These were essentially on trade policy and on the legal implications

need of pinpointing. The dele-gation were stumped for an answer when asked about com-pensation for which Britain would be due for breaking any General Agreement Tariffs and Trade agreements. "An assumption of heavy compensation clauses is creating a reflation.

thought that these might take a year, but after the visit to the Commission they felt that 18 months might be a more

realistic ranget.

The team left the Commission with a clearer understanding than before of the essential relationship between our economic strategy and the essential need for with-drawal". Dame Judith said. That strategy was a considerable injection of money into the economy to bring about

right to mediate From Robert Fisk, Beirnt, Dec 1 The Middle East peace missown suspicions over America's slow of Mr Philip Habib, the relations with Israel Mr Habib Umited States mediator, ap has been holding talks in has been holding talks in Beirot with Mr Beshir Gemayel the Lebanese Phalan-gist leader whose agreement peared to run into serious trouble tonight when Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, told him that

Syria attacks Habib

the United States could no longer mediate in the region

ecause its new strategic agree-

ment with Israel made America.

a direct party to the con-

There was no suggestion that Mr Khaddam intended to break off the talks which President

The United States signed its

day but insisted that it was not directed against any other states in the area. The Syrians took a difference view and are

using the pact to embarrass Mr Habib.

Mr. Khaddam told him;

You have signed an agreement of strategic alliance with Israel, so the United States no longer has the right, to undertake any mediation or play the role of arbitrator in the Arab-Israeli conflict because you have become a direct party to

have become a direct party to the conflict"

Syria has regarded America as Israel's ally for more than a

quarter of a century but the mining of the new Israeli-

American pact could scarcely have come at a worse time for

the ubiquitous but reticent Me. Habib

Ever since the Israelis shot

down: two helicopters over

Syria to install anti-aircraft missiles in the Bekaa valley,

the American diplomat—whose father was Lebanese—has paid

repeated visits to the Middle East in an attempt to prevent a conflict between Syria and

exious to hear what Mr Habib has to tell them as they are keen to inform him of their

to the status quo in Lebanon is essential if further conflicts between Syrian troops and Christian milirias in Beirut is to be prevented.

If Mr Habib can convince the Syrians that they have no cause to fear a further struggle with the Phalange, then Syria

Reagan's special Middle East Reagan's special Middle East Reavoy began in Damascus ro-day, but the Syrians clearly intend to make any bargaining over their Same missiles in Lebanon as difficult as possible sions it keeps in Lebanon and conceivably—withdraw some of its auti aircraft missiles. But of its and aircraft missies. But in the aftermath of the Arab summit in Fez. which Presi-dent Assad of Syria resolutely refused to attend, Syria is in no mood to display any mode-Americans or in its attitude to

Mr Khaddam told Mr Habib that "nothing has changed in the area except that Israel is becoming more aggressive in its actions and in its threats." The implication was that Mr Habib should produce some evidence that the United States can control Israeli actions in Lebanon and prevent further conflict in the south of Lebanon. It is this hardward bettlefield—where haphazard battlefield-Palestinian guerrillas and Israeli-supplied Christian mili-tias have maintained a doubt-ful ceasefire since the summer -that now most concerns the Syrians. They fear that any Israelis and Palestinians will draw them into a war with Israel.

Beirut radio reported today Beirut radio reported today that one man had died when his house was blown up in southern Lebanon by armed men; apparently members of the Christian militia. The house, in the village of Touline, in the area convolled by the Nigerian battalion of the Listed Wations force was the United Nations force, was destroyed in the explosion. A Justed Nations spokesman denied a report that Israeli troops were involved in the incident.

Israeli opposition angered by strategic US links From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, Dec 1

Many politicians in Israel feel that the memorandum was not given sufficient consideration before being signed. Mr Abba Eban, the Labour Toreign affairs spokesman, will attack the global implications of the document, which he claims is the first which the Americans have persuaded another party to sign which specifically mentions the Soviet Union by tions the Soviet Union by name. He will argue that this undermines the delicate com-plex of foreign relations built up by Israel over the years.
In a joint press statement

Israel's right-wing Government faces four motions of no confidence tomorrow in the Knesser, tabled by opposition parties angry at the memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation with the United States, which was signed in Washington last night.

The parliamentary motions have been tabled by parties ranging from the Rakah communists on the far left to the small. Tahiya party on the extreme right. It was announced tonight that four ministers are being flown home from abroad to help the Government defend its slender two

tween Syria and the Soviet Union.

take up arms for causes which were not strictly Israel's. Mr Ariel Sharon, the Defence

Minister, who signed the memorandum, said that a secret annexe would be appended. That would show that it was a document with important economic and political consequences.

I Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, was rushed to a Tel Aviv hopsiral complaining of heart trouble today, but later was allowed home.—AFP.

NEWS IN

SUMMARY

The Belgians

try again

Brussels. — Mr Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb accepted the difficult task of trying to form a new Belgian govern-ment (Ian Murray writes). In

ment (fan Murray writes) to chosing him as formateur. King Baudouin obviously decided that buly by taking into account the strong left-wing element in French-speaking Wallonia might it be possible to find a companies condition.

to find a compromise coalition. Mr Nothomb, the caretaker Foreign Minister, was largely responsible for the collapse of

the first attempt to form a government under Mr Willy de Clercq, the Flemish Liberal leader.

Tehran.—Iran has filed a 512,000m (£631m) claim against the United States for undelivered arms bought by the late Shah, according to Mr Hassan Nurbakhsh, Governor of the Iranian Central Bank.

Copenhagen.—Six lifeboat-men were drowned off north-

Iran sues US

Rescuers drown

Dispute at UN over flag of PLO

From Our Correspondent. New York, Dec 1

The unsuthonized display a Palestinian flag in a lobby at the United Nations head-quarters here has caused a diplomatic furgre with both Israel and the Palestine Labera-tion Organization accusing the United Nations of taking sides. A spokesman for the United Nations said today that a member of the department of public information had put up the flag and a 1947 map of Palestine as a backdrop for a gaissine as a backgroup for a number of television interviews being conducted with Arabiclegates on the occasion of the UN's annual day of solidarity with Palestinians observed yesterday.

After a strong private pro-test made by Israel a number of security guards attempted to remove the display in the face of a defiant Mr Zehdi Terzi, the PLO representative Terry, the PLO representative the two-hour ordeal which at one point saw the involvement of the Secretary General. Dr Kurt Waldheim, two undersecretary generals and the chief of security, ended when a compromise was reached allowing the display to be moved inside the chamber. But the invident did not end with the lecident did not end with-out a flurry of protests Under United Nations regu-

lations, only the flegs of member states can be shown inside or around the head-The European Community

yesterday used the United Nations day of solidarity with the Palestinian people to reitérate the principles of the Venice declaration in a state pent which was not expected to help ease tensions between the Europeans and Israel, The timing of the press statement, issued by Britain as president of the Council of Ministers, was significant because of the retent contro-

versy over a European role in

the Sima peacekeeping force

west Jutland when their boat capsized in rough seas as they went to rescue three men from a shipwrecked Danish fishing boat. The three fishermen were reported missing. Plea for Sakharov Washington.—A rights committee asked the International Red Cross to check on the health of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet scientist who is believed to be on hunger strike in the city of Gorkiy.

Böll wins damages Karlsrube-Heinrich Böll,

the West German Nobel Prizewinning author, was yesterday awarded 40,000 marks (£9,300) damages against a broadcaster who, seven years ago, said he for terrorist crimes.

Nuclear controls questioned

From Nicholas Hirst Washington, Dec 1

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the controlling body for the United States industry, is concerned that international safeguards to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons may in some cases be too weak In its first official expres-

sion of dissatisfaction with the way the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) monitors the peaceful use of atomic power, the com-mission doubts whether inspections in some plants would show that material was being diverted to weapons Neither is it confident that any diversion of material would be discovered in timely fashion —the Commis-

sion believes it would be possible for a country with certain nuclear plants to be building a bomb and the IAEA not to know. The concerns are expressed in a letter to several congressional committees from Mr

The installation that most worries the NRC is a reactor,

Nunzio Paltadino, chairman ol

firm fined by EEC

Brussels, Dec 1 What began as an attempt

worst effects of the champagne shortage has ended with one of France's manufacturers having to pay a £616,000 fine to the European Commission. The Commission announced today that it had imposed the fine on Moët-Hennessy of Paris because its British subidiary Moët-et-Chandon (London) Ltd had made the sale of its cham-pagne in Britain conditional on its not being resold abroad. A director of Moët in Lon-don said that it had included the condition in its terms of sale at the beginning of 1980 to try to ensure that the limited allocation of champagne destined for Britain actually reached the British consumer.

"After three disastrously small harvests in Champagne in the past four years, there is a chronic shortage of champagne and we have only a strict annual allocation of supplies".

The Commission said today that the clause, which was deleted six weeks ago, was worries the NRC is a reactor, developed in Canada, and which has been exported to several Third World countries. I of goods inside the community.

From Peter Norman

he said today.

France wants to breathe new life into WEU

in the Defence Ministry today indicated that France wants to breathe new life into the Western European Union, particularly in the field of joint defence.

"I lie not illegical to believe to European security: the nature and origin of pacifist movements in Western Europe; and the place of Europe in the nuclear balance

"It is not illogical to believe that one day or the other, it will be necessary to give more substance to the work of the WEU, M Georges Lemoine suggested cautiously at the WEU Assembly now meeting in Paris.

He suggested that the assembly—consisting of representatives from Britain France, West Germany, Italy, they were a start.

A French Minister of State Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands-should study two questions of immediate interest

between the superpowers.

The 28 permanent officials of the WEU's standing armaments committee could provide the necessary technical inforation, M Lemoine said, and nothing in the WEU treaty stood in the way of the Council of Ministers authorizing this.

His suggestions might seem timid, the minister said, but three months ago. This recog-nized the Saivadorean left,

Champagne

El Salvador invites Britain to monitor elections

By Denis Taylor A member of the ruling including guerrilla forces, as a junta in El Salvador said in representative political group-London yesterday that he had invited the British Government to send observers to monitor the transition to democracy planned by his Government. Dr José Antonio Morales Enrich said that elections to choose a constituent assembly would be held on March 21 next year, and the junta headed by President José Napoleon Duarte was ready to welcome maximum inter-national observation

Dr Morales was talking to journalists after a meeting last-ing 35 minutes with Mr Rich-ard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Dr Morales has visited The Netherlands, Belgium and West Germany and is going on to Italy and Although Dr Morales sug-

gested that special significance

should not be attached to this, Paris is a noteworthy omission The first major diplomatic initiative taken by the Mitter-

rand Government was a joint

statement with Mexico issued

ing opposed to the American-backed junta.

backed junta.

When it was put to him that even the United States Congress, with its Republican majority had shown concern about El Salvador's record on human rights, Dr Morales said that the situation was improving daily.

He denied flatly that Salvadorean troops had ever attacked dorean troops had ever attacked Salvadorean refugees in camps across the border in Honduras. Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the American delegate to the United Nations, last night sought to defend the government of President Duarte and

incriminate the entire front of revolutionary insurgents who

are his rivals (our New York

correspondent writes).
Her intervention was prompted by a draft resolution at the committee level of the United Nations General Assembly which calls upon the Salvador government to open pre-election negotiations with the leftist front in order "to establish an atmosphere free from

Labour Party begins talks to withdraw from Europe

pare the negotiations for Britain's withdrawal from Europe. Dame Judith Hart, the team

The trade policy section appeared to be the one in most

research said.
Dame Judith said that the talks had shown there would be no problems about negoriat-ing Britain's way out of Europe that could not be surmounted by negatiations. The party had



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Clark visit may mean closer US interest in Ulster

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington Dec 1

The visit to London and Dublin this week by Mr William Clark, the deputy Secretary of State, is seen clear evidence of the greater interest which the United States is now showing in the Nattern Ireland problem.

Although the State Depart.

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Reagan Administration is trying to use its good offices to nudge along the talks taking place between Britain and Ireland something he has long been advocating.

Ever since Mr Biaggi founded the ad hoc congressional committee for Irish affairs four years ago and bgan demanding that Britian pulls its troops out of Northern Ireland he has been a constant thorn in the side of those British diplomats whose job is to portray British policy in Northern Ireland in the bestpossible light.

Mr Biaggi has been ac 1977. The committee's existing and is aimed at winning the votes of the large New York Irish community. He said that only 6 per cent of the electorate in his east Bronx constituency is Irish However, his district does include the headquarters of Noraid, the (Irish) Northern Aid Committee.

Mr Biaggi claims a number of successes for his committee it was set up 1977. The committee's existing and is aimed at winning the causes is purely self-seeking and is aimed at winning the constituency is Irish However, his district does include the headquarters of Noraid, the Committee.

Mr Biaggi has been ac-cused of supporting the IRA and helping to encourage its cmpaign of violence in the province.— a charge which he suspects was inspired by the British and then circulated among Britain's sympathizers in Congress and the

Mr Biaggi strongly denies suspension of United States those charges, arguing that he has consistently spoken out against acts of violence by either side in the conflict and that he was the first Congressman to condemn the murder of Lord Mountbatten of Burma. It was a matter of 'trying to discredit the messenger rather than the messenger rather than the messenger', he said during a recent interview.

suspension of United States arms sales to Britain for use in Northern Ireland, the committee has succeeded in focusing a continuous spotlight on Northern Ireland, keeping such issues as the Maze hunger strikes before the public and exposing inclients such as the interview. Mr Biaggi strongly denies

States is now showing in the Northern Ireland problem.
Although the State Department insists that Mr Clark's visit is only a routine one, Mr Mario Biaggi (Democrat, New York) is convinced that the Reagan Administration is Reagan Administration is the became friendly with Irich

of successes for his com-mittee since it was set up in 1977. The committee's ex-posure of human rights abuses in Northern Ireland abuses in Northern Ireland was, he says, partly responsible for the appointment by the British government of the Bennett Commission to investigate the charges.

The highlight of its accomplishments was the 1979 suspension of United States

interview.

He maintained that his bipartisan committee, which
has 125 members from both

recent refusal by the State
Department to grant a visa to
Mr Owen Carron, an IRA
supporter who was elected to
the British Parliament.

US ponders La Paz post as rights issues remain

From Our Correspondent La Paz, Dec 1

consideration to sending a career diplomat and drug enforcement specialist, Edwin Corr, to La Paz as America's first ambassador to Bolivia since the violent military takeover of July, 1980

The State Department is convinced that the new regime of General Celso Torrelio Villa, who became President in September this year, has removed drug-trafficking officers from sentor government posts and that the bleak human rights situation in the country has "improved considerably".

Washington seems to be the only one convinced.

however. The United Nations' human rights com-

Washington is giving serious violations by state security agents and military forces since General Torrelio took office on September 4. The commission will make its report public in mid-December, after giving the generals in La Paz a month to make observations and respond to the document.
The country's Roman Cath-

olic Church also remains highly critical of the regime's human rights record, with many labour leaders and political activists in hiding and others in prison

the only one convinced, year from the elected Presi-however. The United dent, Mrs Lydia Gueller — Nations' human rights com-mission delegate, Professor presidential residence in La Hector Gros Espiell, who Paz. General Garcia Meza recently toured Bolivia is himself had lived there for expected to produce a report several weeks after being critical of continuing rights forced to resign last August. several weeks after being

Depraved monks purged

Ne Win clamps down on Burmese Buddhists

From Trevor Fishlock, Rangoon, Dec 1

monks have recently been publicy disgraced for sleeping with women, as part of a Rurmese government policy of of establishing control over the clergy. Large num-bers of monks play a central part in Burma's life and the

security.
Several hundred monks, including 40 senior and well known men, have been tried by ecclesiastical tribunals and punished. A number have about 100,000 monks in confessed to a sexual relationship with women, a common sight in the streets serious offence against of Rangoon and Mandalay, priesthood rules, and have the main cities. The figure is the main cities. The figure is swellen by thousands of men

and shaved their heads to just as respected as the escape the police have also regular monks and, like been exposed and thrown them, are supported by the out. A number of guilty gifts of devout people seekmonks have been named in ing the spiritual merit dethe government-controlled rived from giving.

Small heretical sects have also been weeded out. At a recent trial, a group which argued that a hair on Buddha's head was of no more significance than a

Hundreds of Buddhist horse's tail was made lonks have recently been repent and was disbanded. Buddhism is the faith of

about 85 per cent of Burma's 34 million people. The priest-hood is well rooted and influential. Every village has part in Burma's life and the Government wants to exert authority over them to prevent threats to the regime's security. days' religous instruction. Parents count it a great blessing if a son enters a monastery.

ocen dismissed from their swollen by thousands of men orders who leave their occupations Charlatans and criminals and become monks for a few who took to the saffron robe weeks or months. They are

> Until 1885 when the British entered Mandalay and overthrew the Burmese monarchy, the state had some control over the priesthood. General Ne Win's regime is now reestablishing that control.



Arms take priority at Romania conference

From Dessa Trevisan Bucharest, Dec 1

Mr Andrei Gromyko the Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived here today to preside over the routine Warsaw Pact foreign ministers' conference

which begins today. Although neither the agen-da nor the duration of the da nor the duration of the conference was announced beforehand disarmament in the light of the professed enthusiasm of President Brezhnev, will take priority. In that context, an attempt will be made for the ministers to speak with one voice. Romania, for its part, has for weeks been conducting its own peace campaign with

for weeks been conducting its own peace campaign with spectacular marches organized throughout the country, as well as President Ceausescu's recent appeal for total European nuclear disarmament. This, on the whole, is in keeping with current, Soviet thinking.

Nevertheless, it is not quite in tune with the rest of the East block — showing as it does, Romania's distinct approach. Rather than allow-

does, Romania's distinct approach. Rather than allow-ing Washington and Moscow alone to handle the issue, President Ceausescu has now asked for European coun-tries to be present in the talks as observers.

General Torrelio — a friend of General Luis Garcia Meza, the now-deposed army leader who seized power last year from the elected Presial the existing ones, implying that he shares the view of Soviet missile superiority, though the Romanians never

explicitly said so.
Mr Ceausescu has called nuclear disarmament as an urgent and immediate step and he said that halting the

and he said that halting the deployment of new missiles and a rapid reduction of the existing ones should be done immediately. Therefore, rather than calling for total withdrawal of the existing Soviet missiles, he emphasized a rapid reduction.

The Romanians are keen to host the next European security conference which, if all goes well in Madrid, would follow in four years time. And, more recently, Romania has now demanded that European countries be accorded observer status at the Geneva talks, and expects Moscow to back it up.

TWO CALVO SOTELO MEN ELECTED

From Richard Wigg Madrid, Dec 1

A sizable number of blank A sizable number of blank ballots in Spain's ruling Centre Democrat Party (UCD) today underlined how Señor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, the Prime Minister, is getting the men he wanted elected to top party posts only at the price of publicly confirming opposition to him.

In secret voting supporters of Senor Adolofo Suarez, the former Prime Minister, and elements among those on the party's right wing combined to return blank between a fifth and a third of their votes.

Senor Jaime Lamo Espinosa, until now Agricul-ture Minister, became the new Parliamentary Party Leader, and Senor Imigo Cavero, the Culture Minister, became the party's secretary

France pays court to Algeria

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, Dec 1

pendence.
"I think," he said, "of all those whom, on one side or the other, history has united or torn asunder, but the past

or torn asunder, but the past is the past, and we must look resolutely to the future."
He called upon both countries "to establish exemplary relations at last". His words have a familiar ring. General de Gaulle had expressed the same ambition nearly two decades ago. But the path to Hell of Franco-Algerian relations is paved with good intentions and missed opportunities.

cessors failed? Because of the "new climate" between

China plans

bureaucracy

From David Bonavia, Peking, Dec 1

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chi-nese Prime Minister, today promised to slash "the bloated overlapping adminis-

trative structure which causes low efficiency."

"It has been decided that the reform will start with departments under the State

departments under the State Council (Cabinet of minis-ters) and be completed within a limited period," Mr Zhao told the National People's

Congress.

He also denounced corrupt officials who take bribes from foreign businessmen or are tainted by "bourgeois"

Turning to the economy, he said that an increase in

the value of national output in the order of 4 per cent would be sought in 1982, compared with the relatively

low figure of 3 per cent this year. Emphasis would be put on food and consumer goods.

Expenditure by the Govern-

ment on education, science, culture, public health, physi-

cal culture and other social amenities would be increased

over the next 20 years.

to curb

President Mitterrand of the two countries, he said, both leaders in the third of france has apparently little taste for economic facts and figures; but he does have an acute sense of history and of its enduring impact. As he addressed a special session of the Algerian Popular Assembly today, he was certainly acutely conscious both of the symbolic importance of the occasion and of the long-shadow their common history has cast over two decades of France-Algerian relations since Algeria's independence.

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, Dec 1

the two countries, he said, both leaders in the third of their private meetings to take up dispassionately the problem of the price paid by France for Algerian natural gas. This is the most serious bothe of countries. Now that the question of Algerian immigrants in France has been defused by the Socialist Government's initiatives.

But they should ensure that the disficulties are at last treated on their own merits problem.

and not in terms of the colonial past and of "one and 'a half million martyrs" of the war.
"Indeed, many bilateral problems remain," he emphasized today, "but we must set them in a context of understanding and mutual respect.
None is insurabuntable.
Each of them must be examined from the dual aspect of the defence of legitimate interests and the determination to succeed. It is a matter of political will."

intentions and missed oppor-tunities.

The fact that power is now held in Algiers by a pragma-tist, suspicious of all ideol-terrand believe he can suc-ogies and cautiously moving seed where his three prede- away from a doctrinaire approach to socialism at home, made it possible for

There are several areas of disagreement in foreign policy over the Saudi peace plan, the Western Sahara, and Chad, for instance. But M Mitterrand's resolutely Third World approach, and the importance he attaches to Algeria as one of the oidlars of the Northof the pillars of the North-South dialogue, along with Mexico and India, has prevented them from getting out

There was no question of detailed negotiations during this brief state visit, but of demonstrating a political will, and of creating the bright climate. Only in six meants or a year, when each issue is tackled in detail, as M Clende Cheysson, the Foreign Minister, cautiously remarked, will one know whether the visit was a success.

Recount gives Muldoon provisional majority

From W. P. Reeves, Wellington, Dec 1

New Zealand was moved Social Credit leader, today when an error was Bill Rowling, the Labour discovered in the vote count leader. They were to have of one of the marginal seats met tomorrow to explore the in Saturday's general elec-

Election figures gave the east coast city of Gisborne to Labour with a majority of 96 votes. This has been cor-rected to a margin of four in favour of the ruling National Party, giving it a clear parliamentary majority on

provisional figures.
The corrected standing of the parties now is National 47, Labour 43, Social Credit

Postal votes could still affect the outcome in several closely contested seats. Final figures are not expected to be known till next week.

Mr Bruce Beetham, the

chances of an accomodation should Labour become the majority party.
Mr Beetham said be want-

mr beenam said be want-ed to await the final poll result. The planned meeting was in jeopardy earlier over a remark by Mr Jim Anderson, the Labour Party president, that a strong body of Labour opinion "does not wish to play footsie with Social Credit".

That irked Mr Beetham. who accused Mr Anderson of destroying prospects of a Labour-Social Credit coalition government. Mr Rowling still believes he and Mr Beetham have a responsibility to meet informally.

London rejects Salisbury resettlement aid call

By Our Foreign Staff

are tainted by "bourgeois ideology". He gave a warning against "a trend to shake off party leadership and get away from the socialist orbit."

Turning to the socialist of the first resettlement programme and is pledged to contribute a further £10m. The Government says it cannot commit itself to doing means to the socialist orbit."

The British Government The response of the British The British Government that rejected the recommendation of the House of mittee's report, published in Commons Foreign Affairs Committee that more British clear that the proposal made in 1977 as part of the Anglosettlement in Zimbabwe.

Britain is already funding lapsed with the collapse of the Anglo-American prohability of the Anglo-American prohability of the Anglo-American pro-

the Anglo-American proposal. There seems to have been an expectation among the Patriotic Front leaders at the Lancaster House Confer-ence in London in 1979 that Western donor countries would provide this amount in aid at independence.

Britain From Michael Binyon Moscow, Dec 1

Karpov

praise for

cement has not gone up so quickly. So most houses?

From Stephen Taylor, Salisbury, Dec 1

the party's name to obtain hotel accommodation, petrol

newspaper here today. He warned the business

Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu non-members, incurring (PF) party has lost more than debts and saying Zanu (PF) £45,000 through people using will pay", he said. The High Court has issued

a notice of seizure of Zanu (PF) property for payment of certain debts, he said. The party was issuing a-statement on the matter to prevent further unauthorized spending

In an editorial, The Herald

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo, Dec 1 today are built of cemen blocks, with flat roots of reinforced concrete beams much cheaper than the old style, and more modern looking too, a very import-ant point in up-to-date Brazil

Letter from Brazil

Torrential rain puts

housing to test

rainy season has

the rainy season has urrived here in São Paulo, and each day brings reports of people drowned, embankments and bridges collapsing, roads blocked, and houses washed away. From now until March rain will fall steadily up to two inches an

steadily up to two inches an hour in the heaviest storms.

This would put the best organized cities to the test, and Brazil's cities are far from being that Brazil is a relentlessly

from being that Brazil is a relentiessly capitalist society, at least as far as property is concerned, and although there is publicly financed housing for a few, it is for sale, not rent, and only the relatively better-off can afford it.

can afford it.

When people move in from the countryside their

from the countryside their only option is to buy a tiny plot of land, and start building on it; and they move in by the million each year. Of Brazil's 120 million population, 80 million now live in the cities — 30 millions more than 10 years ago.

millions more than 10 years ago.

For most urban Brazilians, building, or extending their homes is the principal spare-time activity. This is the country, par excellence of do it yourself, and of improvization. Although it may rain heavily for four months of the year, the weather is not otherwise hostile. Nobody has to worry about such things as close fitting windows, insulation, central heating, or

fation, central heating, or fireplaces. Four walls and a goof are all that is really needed, and arost people are up to building that.

Any weekend, or day of the week for that matter —

for millions have no regular job — hundreds of thousands can be seen at work building, or modifying their homes in the suburbs. Few

Brazil.

The only problem is, as millions of Brazilians are finding out in the pouring rains, that traditional styles, particularly the pitched roof, had their advantages. Many owners are dismayed to find that rain and wind have discovered weaknesses which will be difficult and costly to rectify. Besides, it

costly to rectify. Besides, it is not unknown for saturated, top-heavy houses to collapse on top of their builder-occupants.

The rains may be no heavier this year than in the past, but ssince tens of thousands of city acres get covered with ashalt and cement each year, much more water runs off quickly from the hard surfaces. A big programme of river big programme of river widening, straightening, deeping, and cleaning is always in full swing. But come the first heavy rains of November, and parts of the city, even the centre, can be flooded to depths of three or four feet.

three or four feet. Much of the new housing is built on steep hillsides, and an inch of rain in an hour can play havoc with newly laid water pipes, gutters and kerbstones, A journey out to the distant suburbs can be bazardous, with some crossroads in hilly districts feet deep in mud and debris, carried down from higher ground. Suburis echo to the roar of

Suburits echo to the roar of inition scrapers and bull-dozers trying to fill in the boles, rectify the damage, and save embankments from the deluge.

In the middle of a suiden electric storm, the lights sometimes go off. Perhaps a post carrying power-lines has been carried away by the flood waters, or has been knocked down by an impropulent motorist: for at building, or modifying their homes in the suburbs. Few can afford more than a plot of perhaps 30ft by 100ft, some only half of that. Road transport to the distant suburbs is poor, the rail network skeletal, so everybody wants to live as near as possible to the city centre, or to their work. Densities of more than 20,000 inhabitants a square mile are common in some Sac Paulo suburbs and are carely considered completely time of the considered completely time of space of migration was less, most stuck to the traditional pattern of a roughly square, single storey house

tional pattern of a roughly square, single storey house of four rooms, with walls of either baked, or dried mud bricks, and a graded wood frame roof, clad with files.

The cost of bricks, these from two thirds to three and wood has soared, while quarters.

Patrick Knight

Mancham accused on failed coup

From Our Correspondent Naïrobi, Dec 1 Mr Albert Rene, The Moscow, Dec I

Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet world chess champion, today singled out Britain and the Umited States as rising countries in chess. World standards were getting hertis, he said.

He described the conditions in the Italian city as "splendid" and thanked the organizers. He described his opponent, Victor Korchnoi, as a strong player with immense experience, but he said Korchnoi made a number of miscalculations in preparing for the match, over-estimating, in particular, his resources in opening theory.

Mairobi, Dec 1

Mr 'Albert Rene, The Seychelles President, today accused Mr James Mancham, his predecessor, of involvement in last week's failed coup attempt, in which a group of white mercenaries briefly seized control of the Africa. Mr Mancham has denied the allegation.

Mr Rene assumed power in 1977, a year after the Seychelles became independent, when Mr Mancham was ousted while attending a Commonwealth conference in In a radio broadcast today Mr Rene said proof of Mr

lar, his resources in opening theory.

"I stopped playing in tournaments four months before the match, whereas Korchnoi did so only at the end of August," Karpov conceded.

Speaking a day after receiving the Order of Lenin, the highest Soviet civilizin award, at a ceremony in the Kremlin, Karpov looked fresh and relaxed.

London.

In a radio broadcast today Mr Rene said proof of Mr Mancham's involvement was obtained from some partly-destroyed tapes found in the earport after the mercenaries had hijacked an Air India jet and made their escape. The tapes would have been broad-tast over Seychelles radio had the coup succeeded. He did not say whether Mr Mancham spoke on the tapes. Mr Rene announced a Mr Rene announced a further relaxation of the curfew which was imposed after the mercenary attack. It was lifted today from noon to 5pm and from tomorrow it will be enforced between 6pm

and 6am. Mr Rene called on South Africa to prove its claim that it was not involved in the attack by returning the men concerned to the Seychelles, where they would be tried by an international court appointed by the United Nations.

The Seychelles authorities have so far given no information on how many of those involved in the coup attempt have been arrested, but there

Estonians ignore protest strike call

Tallinn, Dec 1. — Business-scheduled to begin, but to the main cities where the es, public transport and refused to speak about it. Russian population is confactories operated normally They resumed work at the this morning as Estonians end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a males and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a males and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a males and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a males and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a males and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a males and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and then here ignored a call for a male and the end of half-hour and the end 30-minute protest strike against Soviet policies.

and in other Baltic state cities last month called for a strike against 41 years of remark on the spirit of

minute protest strike "Were you on strike?" a was incorporated into the reporter asked. "We ran out Leaflets circulated here of asphalt", one worker Baltic republics of Lithuania

responded to questions"Were you on strike?" a
reporter asked. "We ran out
of asphalt".

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Soviet Union with the Travellers to Estonia often

and Latvia after a treaty between Stalin's Russia and Hitler's Germany on the eve

Soviet rule. Several Estonians said they were aware of
the strike call, but refused to
join it.

One group of nine road
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of the Second World War.

In Stockholm, about 100
Estoman and Lithuanian
exiles in Sweden organized a
half-hour vigil to honour the
strike.

FAMINE THREAT IN **UGANDA**

From our Correspondent Nairobi, Dec. 1 Emergency food supplies would soon be needed again

by 5.9 per cent next year. Mr Zhao called on the Mr Zhao called on the nation to work hard to increase output four-fold over the nation to work hard to sands died from famine last over the nation over the nation to the nation of the national four-fold over the national family over the national year, the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) "A fundamental change for the better in China's finance and economy" was the main target of the sixth five-year plan which would end in 1985, Mr Zhao said.

Mr Pang Zhao the former in a relief feeding control of the desired contr Mr Peng Zhen, the former ing at relief feeding centres in this area was increasing. The United Nations World Food Programme has emergency reserves of 10,000 tons Congress giving the reasons of grain in the area, in case for the postponement of the planned revision of the constitution. Its contents were not immediately diswere not immediately dis-once local stocks exhausted.

Zanu loses £45,000 in party credit swindles

and car repairs.

The scandal was disclosed by Senator Enos Nkala, the Minister of Finance, and the party's Treasurer-General, in an interview with The Herald

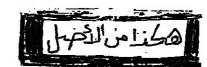
He warned the business community not to extend credit to any member of the party unless he could produce written authorization signed by Senator Nkala, He said that the credit control would also apply to members of the central commutee, many of whom are Cabinet ministers.

"We have this thing going on all over the commy with party members, and even of the described the affair as "a are reports that several arrests, including those of people staying in hotels as tourists, have been made. One dead mercenary was left behind by the attackers, and one Seychelles soldier is said to have died in the fighting.

"We have this thing going on all over the commy with party members, and even (PF)", the editorial stated.

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Fashion by Suzy Menkes

Princess and the pearls

The Princess and the Pearls (at the Palace Theatre for a season) is an intriguing mystery play for family entertainment. The pretty young Princess of the title appears in a variety of pearl chokers and the audience has to deduce, from the attitudes of the

deduce, from the attitudes of the cast, which are the real royal pearls.

The play opens with the arrival of Lady Sarah, the Princess's sister, at St Paul's Cathedral wearing a six-strand pearl choker with claw foot pearl clasp.

The scene switches to the state landau carrying the Princess away on honeymoon; she is wearing the identical choker, apparently removed from her

wearing the identical choker, apparently removed from her sister's neck at the reception.

Has Lady Sarah been murdered for her pearls? Has the Princess lost her own threestrand necklace, much photographed throughout the summer



season and copied by jewellers throughout the land?

The second act takes place three months later when the audience is relieved to see the three-strand necklace reappear in Wales and Lady Sarah reappear in London

appear in London.

But the plot thickens near Christmas when the Princess is



spotted leaving Covent Garden

with a magnificent six-strand necklace with a dazzling new clasp. Her Cinderella sister Sarah is reduced to three strands

of pearls.

Who owns the most pearls? Is there a third sister involved in

the jewel swap? Has the Prince yet done the decent thing and



bought his beloved a choker of

Are Garrards, the royal jewel-lers, who sell pearls by the oyster-load and clasps to choice,



the ballet? Lady Sarah, behind, is reduced to three strands.

involved with the pearly prin-cess? Could she have chosen them at Collingwoods or asked for them at Aspreys?

A subsidiary plot concerns the jewellers involved in creating chokers for the aristocratic young extras wanting to ape the Or has the Prince been a cad and bought one of the many copies of the pearl choker to cover his wife's naked neck? The audience is left guessing

Thinking big about greatcoats

Meryl Streep seems to have done as much for capes as she has for the cause of the liberated Victorian lady. Her wave-lashed first appearance in the film of The French Lieutenant's Woman underlines the romance and-mystery of the all-enveloping

cape.

I don't know if the screening of War and Peace will help to popularize the great-coat. But the big coat and the swirling cape both follow today's feeling for the cavalier look. They also answer to a general need to find an outer garment that fits stylishly over everything you own.

own.
It used to be the norm for a woman to own at least a couple of winter coats. A tailored town coat and a tweedy country shape were essentials in a wardrobe, with a lighter spring coat and a macintosh for in-between

Inflation and layered dress-Inflation and layered dressing have revolutionized that concept. Most women now have only one heavy-weight coat, making do with cardigan coats, shawls, and jackets for anything but the most brutal weather.

If you have only one coat, it has got to be right, which means a classic in colour and shape. The favourite fabric of this season for both coats

Maria

and capes is loden, that hedge green thick wool fabric associated with mountains and warm enough for the Austrian army. The other favourite is camel, with variations on earth-coloured

weaves also popular.

Many readers tell me that they find it difficult to get a winter coat. I think this comes from trying on a coat in your own size, rather than in one or two sizes bigger.

A senerous cut and a really

A generous cut and a really long hemline are essential if you want your coat to feel comfortable over a tweed jacket or bulky cardigan and to look right over the prairie skirts and knickerbockers.

It follows that a ragian shoulder is a wiser choice than a set-in sleeve and a swing-back more practical than a fitted coat.

You won't find a really big coat for much under £100 these days and the most luxurious in camel hair or cashmere are three times that price,

If you are buying below that level, it will pay to think bigger still and buy two sizes over your dress shape. Women are also increasingly raiding men's departments for classic coats which have a means a classic in colour and generous cut and often a shape. The favourite fabric lower price tag for the of this season for both coats equivalent quality.



Big loden trench coat with leather collar-back and buttons £215, scarf from a selection and herringbone patterned shirt from Aquascutum, 100 Regent Street, London, W1 and Harrods, Knightsbridge SW1. Fairiste cardigan £47.50, by Mulberry from Liberty, Regent Street, W1. Fairiste gloves by Dent-Fownes from Army and Navy. Ribbed lights by Elbeo. Fleece-lined boots from Russell & Bromley.



Vicuna cape braided in black £79, also in camel or black. patterned tunic £35, russet cord breeches £37 and ribbed tights. All from Jaeger shops nationwide. String and leather gloves by Dent-Fownes from Army and Navy. Fleeca-lined suede boots £36.99 from Photographs by Tony Boase

Sparkle at your feet

In the absence of glass slippers, Cinderella ball-gowns leave a nasty gap gowns leave a nasty gap below the ankles. A spaghetti junction of gilded straps entwined around the toes looks odd with a crinoline skirt. Court shoes and pumps need to be decorated at the toe in order not to look as though you are dancing in

your day shoes.

Since Edward Rayne's family came into the shoe business by dressing Lillie Langury's little feet, it is not surprising that he should be the man to me the smaller. the man to put the sparkle back into the (royal) court

Edward Rayne, the head of a shoe empire that has retail footprints across America, tells me that clothes fashions affect shoe design, but that the demand for a comfortable shoe and the desire to look elegant in high heels remain the constants of his business.

The big growth areas of consumer problems come the last decade have been in from public ignorance. boots (which started with the Ballet Russe boots in the fitting mad, they really know 1920s) and in espadrilles.

"There is now an enormous variety of new tex-tures, materials and finishes for shoes," he explains. "We for shoes," he explains. "We have cobra patterns, lustre calf and the metallics. The shoe trade was once dominated by America, but gradually European style emerged. I don't think our shoes are particularly English. The world is our marketplace and the competition isn't local, but international."

Shoe technology has now become so refined that a pair of shoes made in two days ing apparel and a lot of toe.

"American women are fitting mad, they really know their sizes. No woman should have to suffer to be beautiful, and American women certainly will not." Passionate collectors of footwear like Lady Docker

must be dear to any shoe-maker's heart, but Edward Rayne says that all shoes fascinate him and the first thing he looks at when he

meets someone is the feet.
"My wife says that I am permanently looking at the pavement", says Edward Rayne, who himself wears the most conservative of gleaming learning sheet soes. I cannot help feeling that

can be as good as one that John Bratby, who painted the used to take weeks. But strong portrait hanging in Edward Rayne claims that Rayne's elegant Mayfair flat. Edward Kayne claims that Rayne's elegant Mayfair flat, shoes are still the most ought to have painted his complicated articles of wear-subject from head to leather ing apparel and a lot of

Glittering gilded crescent moons on a black satin court shoe. Also in plain bronze mock snakeskin, 264. Mink pom-pom on a low-heeled black velvet boudoir shoe, £69.50. Multi-coloured leather thongs make an abstract design black suede courts. Also in tan, £69.50. Art deco sunburst on the toe of red suede court shoes. Also in black, £59.50. All shoes in sizes 3½ to 8½ from Rayne, 15 Old Bond Street, W1, Harrods and Harvey Nichols, SW1 and main Rayne branches nationwide.

Trouble and strife — or politics in the family

The 1979 General Election equal opportunity with her proved, if proof were needed, intention of educating her The 1979 General Election equal opportunity with her proved, if proof were needed, intention of educating her that a lot of women shared bed and board with men of a tening to her newly SDP wholly different political husband give a balanced, persuasion. In fact, Mrs reasonable and lengthy explanation the Opposition were leading the Opposition were people freedom of choiceit not for the wives of ... basic right of every Labour-voting husbands who sneaked a Tory vote into the ballot box.

What makes their case

What makes their case different from my own is that they had the good sense to keep quiet about their voting intentions. But then, their husbands were habitual socialists, a breed easy enough not to take issue with, and not, like my own dear one, a brand new convert to the SDP (or Sodpal as we detractors prefer to call it).

We both look back with uneasy nostalist at the days when he was an unaligned capitalist and I was a benign radical. We resolved our political differences over a bottle of Scotch and mutually tolerant talk about a society that combined compassion What makes their case

that combined compassion with incentives. For the rest

of the time, we just went about our business.

The formation of the SDP has changed aimless political

has changed aimless political discussion as we know it.

It's the Noisy Party and nobody can keep quiet about it. Like one who has witnessed the miracle at Fatima, my husband can't keep his conversion to himself. A reference to proportional representation wiggles its way into every conversation. way into every conversation, as if it were some kind of

moral imperative.

We would both be better off if I could learn how to be loff if I could learn how to be enigmatically silent, the way a surgeon is when a recently operated on patient swears that the scalpel is still inside his stomach, but I am as noisy as a whole council of Sodpals.

So I shriek, until the glasses tinkle with the vibrations, that the probable outcome of PR is that every household will be issued with a pasta-making machine and

a pasta-making machine and middle-class green wellies.

Ever since the SDP suggested that its members could subscribe by credit card, I have visualized it as the party whose aim is to make life safe for the man in make the safe for the man in the Leisuretime Safari Suit. I could never see the point of conducting opinion polls at the recent Crosby by-elec-tion. A count of all house-holds with battery-operated vacuum cleaners for brushing down the car upholstery would have predicted the size of Mrs Williams's vote.

There is some satisfaction to be gained in the scoring of cheap points, and the SDP mailings to its membership is a fruitful source of nastiness.

A recent one gave details A recent one gave details of its "Xmas Fayre". "F-A-Y-R-E", I sneered. I think that's probably worse than Bill Rodgers's new haircut and David Owen's sing-songs on the first class only train. F-A-Y-R-E, oh my paws and whiskers." This is the year that my husband refused to let me sell him a Labour Party raffle ticket.

Our domestic situation is not unique. Of the married couples I know, more men have joined the The Noisy Party than their wives, giving credence to the theory that, politically, men are more volatile than women. I suspect that part of the reason pect that part of the reason why women like myself are staying put is because we are immune to the hard sell. We have learnt by now that however brilliant the tele-vision commercial, the detergent it lauds can not really make the sheets look permanently sunlit.

"I loathe this constant persuasion," said the wife of a recent convert. "It's mak-ing me sympathize, belatedly, with Freud's neurotic female

Maybe I remain loyal to the Maybe I remain loyal to the Labour Party because I suspect I have got a good thing going there. Years of mingling with belligerent women like me has had a lovely effect on the socialist male. There is no one as willing as he to run a crèche or cook a meal. I do not suppose it is terribly relevant to the state of the nation, but one of the things I like best about Labour Party meetings is that I feel surrounded by men who would not dream of making jokes about women

drivers.

Nevertheless, some of my best female friends have joined the Social Democrats. They are all hot contenders in the Superwoman stakes. All week they juggle job/home/husband/children without despains anything. On Friends dropping anything. On Friday evening, they load up the Volvo with home-made pate and aubergines and drive off to a second, country, home, which they run with equal perfection. They are bright, witty women and I love to be in their company. But unlike the socialist women I know the socialist women I know,



Penny Perrick: noisy party at breakfast time.

they don't express many views about David Stockman or Dr Nicholas Humphrey or the zero option.

They could say, and fairly, that women like me, who certainly do not shine in all domestic departments, have more time to concentrate on political issues. To which I could reply, with equal fairness, that that is the whole point. I feel that they are not careful, female Social Democrats, for all their party's splendid pro-nouncements about equality between the sexes, may find themselves becoming a more glamorous version of the traditional female constituency worker - that put-upon drudge who made the tea and licked the envelopes and

rarely got short-listed.
Already at SDP gatherings,
I notice that women, instead having their say, merely take an interest — or at least pretend to. Even the redoubtable Shirley Williams has acquired this skill. At a party recently, she got into conver-sation with my husband. Or rather, she did not. My husband talked. She listened. He went on. She did not interrupt. He talked some more. She put her head on one side, the better to hear the wonders that spilled from his lips.

On the way home, I asked him if he would like me to behave so attentively — "put my head on one side and listen to you, I mean, instead of talking all the time." This of talking all the time." This opportunity to score points was irresistible. "No point in your doing that," he said. "It only works if you've got charm."

Another woman said that she's never had any problems reconciling her desire for

Divisional Court

Court of Appeal

Date of frustration due to Iran-Iraq war

The Wenjiang Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dunn and Lord Justice Fox

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Fox

[Judgment delivered December 1]

A judge was correct to grant charterparties became frustrated. The question was the high Court under section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1979 from the decision of an arbitrator that the decision of an arbitrator such that an acrifer date.

The Court of Appeal dismissed to that extent, an appeal by the owners, Hemisphere Shipping Co. Lid of Hongkong, from a decision of Mr. Justice Robert Goff granting leave to the charterers, International Ses Tankers line, of Liberia, to appeal from an interim award of the arbitrator, Mr Donald Davies.

Mr. John Thomas for the course, in the carly days it, was hoped that the Shatt-al-Arab. They were flying flags of many nations and sailing under different charterparties in the carly days it, was hoped that the first few weeks. The crews left, and the ships remained and were still there.

Judgment delivered December 1;

A judge was correct to grant the charter scilled the charter and the

thought the arbitrator might have gone wrong on the construction, but not if he thought he wes right.

The present was not a singular case. If each award as to the date of Frustration were considered in isolation, there would seem to be isolation, there would seem to be no good grounds for interfering: the judge could not say in any case that the arbitrator had misdirected himself in point of law or that the decision was such that no reasonable abitrator

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that no reasonable abitrator could reach.
But when 60 ships were trapped, it was a mistake to consider each case in isolation. It was important to the trade that there should be uniformity of decision: see per Lord Diplock in The Nema at p305.

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Thus if the judge in the first case thought that the arbitrator's decision was not right, or may not have been right, he should give leave, and then on the hearing consider what should be the correct decision on law on the facts. His decision would afford guidance binding on arbitrators in later arbitrations. So also if the case went to the Court of Appeal. In short, the Court of Appeal. In short, the first authoritative decision should be treated as governing all

to appeal in both cases, so that he, or the Court of Appeal, could consider what was the correct date to take as the date of frustration.

Apart from the point about uniformity, there was ground for thinking that in The Wenjiang the arbitrator applied the wrong test of frustration. He said that he was much attracted by the date of October 7, 1980, because by then "there had been sufficient time, since the outbreak of the war, to see the pattern of events and to conclude that the couffict might be of a prolonged nature." He apparently only departed from that date because he had regard to what he described as the "deprivation/unexpiration principle". That might have led him into error.

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into error.

On the further ground that the arbitrator might have been not right, therefore, it was proper for the judge to give leave to appeal.
There were two further points

on construction of a standard form charterparty. On them the arbitrator was clearly right, and leave should not be given on those points.

LORD JUSTICE DUNN, concurring, said that in the light of The Nama, the test applied by Mr Justice Robert Goff, namely whether the arbitrator either others.

Applying those principles, The Nema, the test applied by Mr given the different dates decided in The Evia and The Wenjiang, whether the arbitrator either the judge was right to give leave misdirected himself in law or

reached a conclusion as to the date of frustration which no reasonable arbitrator could reach, was not in the circumstances the correct one, since it was not a "one-off" case.

His Lordship's provisional view was that the arbitrator's decision was not right. Although the arbitrator referred to the classic statement of frustration in Davis Contractors Led v Fareham UDC ([1956] AC 696), he based his conclusion on what he called the "deprivation/unexpiration principle," which was first stated by Lord Loreburn [see F. A. Tamplin Steamship Co Ltd v Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Products Co Ltd ([1916] 2 AC 397)] when the doctrine of frustration was in its infancy. Whether it now formed any, and if so what, part of the developed doctrine, was a matter on which the courts should have an opportunity of pronouncing.

Moreover, in view of the different dates that had been fixed by arbitrators, the court should intervene in the interest

The other two points were covered by the other limb of the The Nema. Since they raised questions of standard form construction, a strong prima facie case would have to be made out that the arbitrator was wrong in his construction. No such case in his construction. No such case had been made out. Lord Justice Fox agreed.

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Custody order with supervision

In a custody issue brought under the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 justices should not make an order under section 2(b) of the Guardianship Act 1973 whereby the care of the minor was committed to the local authority if the local authority had intimated to the justices that if such an order was made then it was the intention to leave the minor in the care of the natural

justices who on cross appli-cations by each parent for custody had decided that the care of the minor should be commit-ted to the London Borough of

Sutton.

His Lordship said that the purpose of the section was to take away the care of the minor from the parents and entrust that care to someone other than either parent. In the present case the justices had seen pschylatric minor in the care of the natural parent. In those circumstances the justices should make a custody order in favour of the natural parent together with a supervision order.

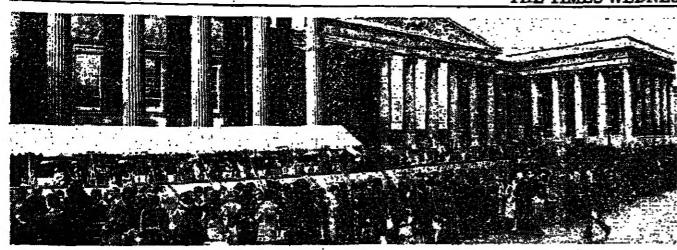
MR JUSTICE EWBANK, with whom Mr Justice Wood in the Divisional Court of the Family Division agreed, allowed on November 30 a mother's appeal from the decision of Sutton the instruction order.

Variation is remedy, not appeal

Melson v Nelson

Mr Justice Wood sitting with because of his changed circumstrations of the Family was to return to the justices for a variation of the order instead of that the order of justices made under section 2 of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates'

Courts Act 1978 was excessive because of his changed circumstances, said the proper course variation of the order instead of bringing the matter by way of that the order of justices made under section 2 of the Domestic considerable expense to the Legal Proceedings and Magistrates'



Government grants in £										
• .	1981/82	1980/81	% change in grant							
British Museum	11,116,000	10,290,000								
Imperial War Museium	3,844,000	3,277,000	+17.3							
National Gallery	5,697,000	5,603,000								
National Portrait Gallery	1,606,000	1,482,000								
National Maritime Museum	3.622.000	3,411,000	+6.2							
Tate Gallery	4,708,000	4,591,000	+2.5							
Wallace Collection	671.000	676,000								
Science Museum	6,448,000	5,987,000								
Victoria and Albert Museum	8,850,000	8,898,000	-0.5							
National Getteries of Scotland	2,263,000	1,949,000	+16							
National Museum of Wales	5,787,000	4,980,000	+16							

Queues for the Tutankhamun exhibition at the British Museum — proof that museums can still pull in the crowds

More money for museums, but is it enough?

Mrs Thatcher responded For Dr Wilson, it is a swiftly yesterday to the straightforward matter. The suggestion that museums and British Museum has no spare of funds, so much so that the money would mean a real cut British Museum may be of 20 per cent or so over two forced to close. She told the commons that "the museums Since 85 per cent of the may look forward to some Government's grant for generating and runners." increase next year", eral maintenance and run-although the precise amount ning costs goes on salaries, it

wondering whether the says, certain galleries will increase is going to be have to be closed. For the enough to keep their collections fully on show. If not, museums face partial the galleries cannot remain closure, a restriction on the open. number of opening days, the prospect of entrance charges and a hunt for commercial

The certainty and bluntness with which Dr David Wilson, director of the British Museum, predicted that the museum would have to close in two years if Government grants were not increased was received with an air of astonishment by the House of Commons select committee on the funding of the

When this warning was followed with the likelihood that, similarly, the National and the Tate galleries could be reduced to opening only a small number of rooms — and that for the Victoria and Albert the result would be "catastrophic", the com- sance gal mittee began to test whether corridor.

for more, but here was a formidable case explaining what would happen if there

Edward Mortimer reappraises the latest book by the Egyptian journalist Mohamed Heikal in the light of his imprisonment by President Sadat and release last week on the personal

orders of Sadaz's successor.

would be announced only when the full public expenditure allocations are decided.

Now museum chiefs are wondering whether the increase is going to be have to be closed. For the museum has frozen 60 because the line of the museum has frozen 60 because the formula of the museum has frozen 60 because the formula of the museum has frozen 60 because the formula of the museum has frozen 60 because the formula of the museum has frozen 60 because the formula of the formula staff.
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open.
For the national museums For the national museums and art galleries, as listed in the accompanying table, the Government provides a grant to cover the cost of running and maintaining them, and makes a grant for purchases and capital spending. It is the wide variation in this latter grant which gives the different percentage comparisons between the two years. Dr Wilson pointed out to the select committee on

Monday that the museum itself needed many improve-ments. Though the sculpture galleries have been brought up to modern standards, the upper galleries have not — six need floors strengthening, eight now have no permanent displays, 11 need remodelling and the Renaissance gallery is reduced to a

mittee began to test whether characteristics valuable collection of museum and gallery directors were crying wolf.

Almost all the bodies and individuals coming before the committee, under Mr Christopher Price, MP, its chairman, have complained about the lack of funds and asked for more, but here was a foreign currency than the museum is a profitable Museums Service looks after investment for the country," 15 museums and an archaeo-Dr Wilson says. On British logical unit, which are sup-Tourist Authority figures it ported almost completely by earns many times more in the Norfolk County Council.

"It needs a considerable and continuing injection of funds to bring the buildings up to, and to maintain them at, modern standards" — Dr David Wilson, Director of the British Museum.

"Private funding, even on the most generous scale, can never be a substitute for full state support of the National Gallery" — Sir Michael Levey, Director.

"The ultimate solution for the great University Museums will have to be some form of direct support from the Exchequer" — Mr David Piper, Director of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford,

Museum, security is crucial, and without enough warders of funds... If those funds well. He believes that though the galleries cannot remain are not available the build-charging does not in the long open.

The ingredient and the term seriously affect attendance figures at large, it

sites for the institution are united against making charg-that it is adequately staffed, es for their permanent coll-to be open to the public, for ections. Such charges cause a

to be open to the public, for proper care to be taken of the collection and that this is housed in a building properly maintained for the purpose.

"Funding of these basic requirements of a national institution must, I believe, continue to be, as it always has been, a matter for central government," he says.

Regional museums relying on public funds are also worried about the effect of possible Government cuts, working through local authorities. The Norfolk

working through local authorities. The Norfolk Museums Service looks after

foreign currency than the The museums service Government spends on it.

"But it needs a consider-which Mr Francis Cheetham, able and continuing injection its director, says has worked The museums service

The lesson for Egypt in Iran's tragedy

support from the Exchequer, museums. So Dr Strong perhaps in terms of a 50/50 believes the only way private grant in aid towards running funding for the "less glamor-

grant in aid towards running funding for the "less glamorcosts."

The one possibility for about is through a sustained funding these vast institutions is sponsorship, but no national museum or of a Government department, "gallery sees this as the public. "The V and A is part no national museum or of a Government department," he says. "Donors naturally answer — partly because express a refuctance to give private bodies want to be associated mainly with the more glamorous side of the work. They will support sympathetically by Sir Hugh special exhibitions, but are Casson, president of the hardly likely to help pay for Royal Academy, which does the runnings costs or pay the

Dr Roy Strong, director of the V and A, believes that private funding has meant that "museums have suffered from the bias towards and the emphasis on the perform-Dr Piper says that the ing arts." To the public, "ultimate solution for the sponsorship tended to be great university museums — equated with the performing-oxford, Cambridge, London arts lobby, which had glamand Glasgow — will have to our and free seats to offer —

hardly likely to help pay for the runnings costs or pay the salaries of the staff. Dr Wilson put it succinctly when he said that you were the begging bowl", although unlikely to find a Bird's Eye it was in some ways more fish finger sponsored warder. Sponsorship clearly has its museums, which had permalimits. ings will deteriorate and the museum will be increasingly ance figures: at large, it undoubtedly affects addishington such as the institution such as the National Gallery if the Norfolk County Council increase its funding for maintenance are uppermost in the thoughts of Sir like believes the first requisited against making charges for the institution are institution and seek sponsorship for what the national seek sponsorship for what have a constantly changing the National wants to attract the widest possible financial support from private, comparing the seek and industrial against making charges merrial and industrial against making charges in the said that you were the begging bow?", although unlikely to find a Bird's Eye it was in some ways more fish finger sponsored warder. Sponsorship clearly has its museums, which had permanent collections. "We have no permanent collections on permanent collections of the unlikely to find a Bird's Eye it was in some ways more the begging bow?", although unlikely to find a Bird's Eye it was in some ways more fish finger sponsored warder. Sponsorship clearly has its museums and galleries no permanent collections. "We have a constantly changing they consider suitable proprogramme. Ours is a reperment the widest possible financial."

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works of art. Though they are not against voluntary donations at the door, they are against such a system as operated by the Metropolitan in New York, where, Dr Wilson says, "they almost blackmail you before they will let you in".

The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford is funded by its parent university, but as M-David Piper

The David Piper

The Duilding, its ositions for sponsorship. Government-funded, and if the funds go down they will have to close some rooms. It is sad, but it might have to the funds go down they will is sad, but it might have to the funds go down they will say to close some rooms. It is sad, but it might have to the funds go down they will have to close some rooms. It is sad, but it might have to the funds go down they will have to close some rooms. It is sad, but it might have to the funds go down they will have to close some rooms. It is sad, but it might have to the funds go down they will have to close some rooms. It is sad, but it might have to the funds go down they will have to close some rooms. It is sad, but it might have to close some rooms. It is sad, b grant increase. The Tate and the other museums and galleries will not get that, for sure, but by bringing their serious plight into the open they have a chance to exert just enough pressure to avoid the worst.

Christopher Warman Arts Correspondent

a ruler who aligns himself closely with the United States and sets about reversstates and sets about reversing and suppressing everything Nasser stood for, it will sooner or later find an Egyptian equivalent of Khomeini. No doubt Heikal, as he wrote this book, was acutely aware of that side of were better founded in the lucid enough to realize that Itanian case than in the Egyptian one.

Kermit Roosevelt, the CIA official who has now admitted, nay boasted of, his parting noverthrowing Mosadded in 1953, also cultivated close relations with Nasser, but Nasser, unlike the Shah and his generals, was not willing to base his foreign policy on a close alliance with the United States. He did indeed,

Henry Fairlie

Britain: only good for a giggle now

prominence in the news, and a giggle.

No Englishman of my acquaintance in Washington ever passes the great spread of the British embassy here tration at the highest level.

But what is this Europe, which now has a voice in Washington? First and foremost, it is Heimut Schmidt. It is West Germany. Schmidt cannot lift a teacup in Bonn without saucers rattling in Washington. Even if he does nothing, he gets front page its functions the Reisich. prominence in the news, and a giggle.

Washington

It is hard to get used to the weekend, one had the feeling fact that Europe has become that if Britain now has a It is, hard to get used to the fact that Europe has become front page news in America. It may be equally hard for Europeans to believe that this is a new and even surprising development. Not only is Europe news. Very important people, including speeches about it. Even press secretaries at the White House now have to know where Europe is.

Europe has been discovered by America, but as unintentionally as America was discovered by Colombus. Setting off last January to settle things in Central America, in Africa, in Asia, and the Middle East, this administration suddenly found Europe in its path.

At first, like Colombus when he came across America, in Africa, in Africa, in Africa, in Signath of the western economies. But was the triumvirate which would restore health to the western economies. But was the were their polities reported and discovered was referred to at White House banquets as America's ally, but ally did not mean partner. Ally certainly did not mean being equal.

If Europeans obeyed, they were good allies. If they Administration and journal for the western conditions and journal for even come.

lamentably, a bit of a joke, Influential people in the Administration and journalism seem to take their news were good allies. If they disobeyed or even complained, they were told to pull their weight. But in the past few weeks all this has changed. The most striking evidence was the President's evidence was the President's report this, but as Europe counts for more and more, Britain seems to count for

remarkable speech on the nuclear arms race, delivered before Mr Brezhnev's visit to before Mr Brezhnev's visit to be speech — was it Mr Alexander Haig, or Mr Richard Allen? — the most emphatic answer finally was "Herr Schmidt". Editorials, to some extent inspired by official guidance, said weightily that Europeans could now take comfort from the fact that their voice, at important at least to be

could now take comfort from He seemed sufficiently the fact that their voice, at important at least to be least, was heard. But the disliked, speech itself was only the All that has gone. Britain centrepiece of a profound is now one thing to America, reversal of the Administration's attitude to the Soviet Princess and her unborn Union and therefore to child. When I left England in western Europe.

To some extent before the speech, but increasingly since, way it was going, it would surprominence in the news, and a giggle.

Washington. Even if he does nothing, he gets front page its functions, the British coverage.

To some extent, France and François Mitterrand are found to be just as interesting, and are given increasing attention. A powerful statement commending Mitterrand and his policies was recently issued by the influential Foreign Affairs Institute at Johns Hopkins University. No one can doubt that, now the Administration has got over its initial fear that Extraord manufactures and American officials who

that, now the Administration has got over its initial fear that France would be run by Communists, it takes France quite seriously. It expects Mitterrand to be "difficult", but not in the same way as de Gaulle, and it recognizes that an ally can be difficult.

But while the front page stories and the editorials now talk of Europe and earnestly examine its leaders pronouncements, one rarely finds the names of Margaret Thatcher or Lord Carrington.

Was Dunt at a second and was built at a second and ween third level of British and American officials who worked closely together on winning the war and then trying to win the peace with such projects as the Marshall plan. Those levels of intimate, official, and even semi-official cooperation no long-tended the propersion of the pitter-patter of tiny royal feet.

For thine is the Kingston, the Puriey and Crawley, For Iver and Iver, Crouch End. My contribution was the Miser's

Prayer, written by John Ward of Hackney who was expelled from the House of Commons in 1727. This reads: "O Lord, thou knowest

that I have nine estates in the City of London, and likewise that I have lately purchased one estate in fee simple in the county of Essex;

I beseach thee to preserve the two counties of Middlesex and Essex from fire and earthquakes, and as

I have a mortgage in Hertford-shire, I beg of Thee likewise to have an eye of compassion on that county; and for the rest of the counties Thou are placed.

counties Thou mayst deal with them as Thou art pleased:

"O Lord, enable the Bank to answer their bills, and make all my debtors good men. Give a prosperous voyage and return to the Mermaid sloop, because I have insured it; and as Thou hast said the days of the wicked are but short, I trust in Thee that Thou wilt not forget Thy promise as I

wilt not forget Thy promise, as I have purchased an estate in reversion, which will be mine on the death of that profligate young

Buchanan's



piece of Nasser, because he see the Iranian revolution, secular current, supported by played a role in the power not through the eyes of a the communists, and an struggle which followed western journalist sharing Islamic one whose fringes, at Nasser's death, and now also our own assumptions but least, were addicted to politi-

Since readers of The Times played a role in the power had an opportunity to sample struggle which followed Mr Heikal's book in serial Nasser's death, and now also form in July, hundreds, if because he has been a not thousands of people have political prisoner, one tends been executed in Iran, Presitot think of him as a dent Bani-Sadr has turned up politician. He himself, how in France, his successor has ever, has always insisted that in France, his successor has ever, has always insisted that been blown up in Tehran, Mr he is first and foremost a Heikal has been thrown into journalist, and that claim is

prison by President Sadat, triumphantly vindicated in President Sadat has been this book. It is very much a assassinated and his successor, Mr Mubarak, has an outstanding example of released Mr Heikal.

All of which proves, not political tract.
that The Return of the But that does not mean it
Ayatollah has been overtaken is free from bias, or that it

by events, but rather that both it and its author remain extremely topical. The book is now on sale, and remains as readable and illuminating as ever.

Because Heikal was for long the semi-official mouth-nice of Nasser because he seemi-official mouth-nice of N

through those of a nationalist cal assassination. from another Muslim coun-try which, though different from Iran in many respects, yet shares some crucial experiences with it.
Heikal first visited Iran in 1950-1. The parallel between the situations of Iran and Egypt at that time is striking.
Both were in the throes of a bitter struggle to establish

bitter struggle to establish their national independence against the declining imperial power of Britain — the issue in one case being the con-tinued presence of British troops, in the other the control of Iran's main export by the Anglo-Iranian Oil

Company.

Both had young monarchs, weak but ambitious, who were caught between the conflicting demands of the

Mr David Jenkius, a lecturer in criminology at the University of Edinburgh, is to be the new director of the Howard League for Penal Reform. He follows Mr Martin Wright, who is leaving to study for a Ph D at the London School of Economics.

Mr Jenkins who is 32 and increase.

School of Economics.

Mr Jenkins, who is 32 and just finishing his Ph D, at the ISE, starts work on January 1 and one of the first things he will have to consider is a change of name, and direction, for the league. The aim now is to broaden it to examine not just prison reform but the rest of the criminal justice system as well. Louis Blom-Cooper, a mem-

well. Louis Blom-Cooper, a member of the league's council, who rang me yesterday with this information, would like readers of The Times to suggest a new name for the league.

One possibility, however, is to go back to the original name — the Howard Association. This was

what the organization was called when it was created in 1866; it did not take on its present handle until

1921 when it merged with the League for Penal Reform. Under Jenkins the league, or whatever it decides to call itself, will concen-

trate more on alternatives to prison, research on whether we

need a national prosecuting system and how to keep offenders out of gaol in the first place.

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Jenkins, who was selected from a short-list of nine (including senior members of the prison service), is chiefly known for the way he straightened out Ellison House, an adult probation hostel in south London. When he arrived, its probationers were notorious for their regular appearances before the courts. In six months he was warden of the hostel and the men in it had become more settled.

A new man

the dustbins

to reform

The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford is funded by its parent university, but as Mr David Piper, its director, emphasizes, the scale of support needed is beyond lead authorities and the

local authorities and the university.

cal assassination.

In both cases the crisis was eventually resolved by the intervention of the armed forces, who were assumed by many people in the area to have been put up to it by the CIA with a view to replacing British influence by that of the United States. The suspicions, as it turned out, were better founded in the Iranian case than in the

lent not of the Shah but of Mosaddeq — only a much younger Mosaddeq, in uniform and in power. Heikal does not draw this

parallel explicitly, but when one tries to distil an underly-ing message from the wealth of sparkling anecdote, sharp observation and graphic description, one soon realizes that Iran's tragedy, in Heikal's eyes, is that it lacked a Nasser. Heikal is fascinated by Khomeini, but lucid enough to realize that



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Lord Rawlinson the former atwould appear to be especially popular among fleet Street editors. I hear that both Sir John. Junor, editor of the Sunday Express, and Mr David English editor of the Daily Mail, sought to retain the per in represent them in torney-general.

retain the pear to represent them in their forthcoming appearance in the High Court. Both are accused of

contempt of court over articles they published during the trial of Dr Leonard Arthur, who was eventually acquitted of the attempted murder of a Down's Syndrome baby. On this occasion the Mail pipped the Express, and Sir John will now be represented by Robert Alexander, the QC who defended the cricketing authorities when Kerry Packer and three players, John Snow, Tong Greig and Michael Proctor, brought an action against their banning.

Yankee knowhow

One hopes that Mr William Clark, the US Deputy Secretary of State who flies to London today at the start of a European tour that will include Ireland and West Germany, will know whose hand he is shaking when he is received in Downing Street or the Foreign

During his confirmation hearings last February Mr Clark, a former California Supreme Court judge and a close crony of the President, displayed a splendid ignorance on almost all matters involving foreign affairs. "Do you know the name of the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, or of South Africa?" he was asked. "What do you think about Israeli settlements on the West Bank? Should the United States recognize Taiwan? What are your views on nuclear non-profilieration?" To all of these questions, you may remem-ber, Mr Clark lamely responded: "I do not have a personal view" or "I do not have a position on the

Despite his evident ignorance of foreign affairs, the senate over-whelmingly confirmed his appoint-ment because, as Senator Charles Percy, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, put

it: 'The President has told me how much he wants Bill Clark for this job." Reagan, it was darkly rumoured at the time, wanted Clark in the State Department in order to keep an eye on Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State — the "unguided missile" of the Reagan

administration.

Clark, who dropped out of college and law school, was also confirmed because his administrative talents are well known. As he explained at the time, he had been hired to run the foreign service and he could learn about policy while on the job.

Since then Clark has by all accounts been assidnous in doing his homework. When he headed a

his homework. When he headed a delegation to southern Africa several months ago, he showed that he not only knew Piet Botha's name but had also mastered the intricacies of the Namibian negotiations. One hopes he has also done the same with Northern Ireland.

Common touch

I am told that the most common names for ugly sisters in pantomime this year are "Tina" and "Tiara" (an anyone confirm this? (Incidentally, this item was written from beginning to end without a tea-break.)



Prayer meeting

Prayer is not, in my experience one of the more popular topics of conversation at meal or any other times. So I was agreeably surprised the other night in the officers' mess with the Welsh Guards in St James's Palace (they are the Windsor Castle guard for this month), when the conversation this month), when the conversation turned to a consideration of wit in prayer. One contribution, which is not new but was to me, is the London bus conductor's prayer. Our father, Which art in Hendon,

Harrow be thy name, Thy Kingston come, Thy Wimble don. In Erith as it is in Hendon, Give us this day our Berk-hamsted. And forgive us our Westmin-

As we forgive them that West-

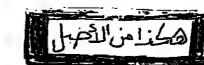
one of the young officers (like the others, resplendent in scarlet jacket) topped it with the story of Morris Davie of British Columbia. Morris Davie of British Columbia.

Davie, who had been accused of starting a forest fire, was initially acquitted because the prosecution's case against him depended on a prayer he had uttered, and which had been overheard by a policeman. Davie had dropped to his knees, raised his hands and said: "Oh God, please let me get away with it, just this once."

His lawyer had claimed this conversation was a privileged communication, meant to be heard by God, not the police. Initially the judge had agreed and acquitted him but an appeal court overturned the decision, deciding that God was not legally a "person".

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WANTED: EUROPEAN VISION

only members of the European Community in which the fact of membership is still a major political issue. For Britain this means that while the politicians of other member states must cope with grumbles about how the Community works, and with demands to defend more vigorously their national interests, British politicians are forced into taking up more fundamental positions on one side or other of the barricades.

This colours Britain's whole relationship with the Community. It keeps alive doubts about Britain among Europeans, and it hampers rational debate about Europe among Britons. It also puts the British government unnecessarily on the defensive. In the Commons on Monday Mrs Thatcher admitted her disappointment at the failure of last week's summit. But she seemed to feel obliged to put a rather better gloss on it than it deserved, and under questioning she was pushed into talking more about the safeguarding of national interests than about creative ideas for the future.

each nation fighting its own through the vagaries of an corner with several nods out-of-date agricultural policy towards the basic common which, in some cases benefits interests of members. But her the rich and penalizes the character is essentially insular, and her concerns primarily domestic. When this is reinforced by the political pressures of Labour oppo-sition and public scepticism it goes some way towards ex-

plaining why Britain's half-year in the European chair will end inconclusively unless the foreign ministers pull agreement out of a hat before Christmas. It is easy to make excuses. The Community moves slowly

at the best of times, and is now confronting some par-ticularly difficult conflicts of national interest. This year it has been further delayed by the French election. Yet Britain could have offered more push and more vision if its internal politics had been less cramped. If someone with vision does not soon lift the debate out of its slough, public disaffection is likely to spread. Already the West Germans are becoming understandably sourer about the huge budgetary burden which now falls upon them; and if the balance is redressed it will be someone else's turn to

The basic trouble for public opinion — and not just in Britain — is that so much of what the Community does defies common sense, even when it seems to protect national interests. For instance, anyone can see that if one of the purposes of the Community is take a bit from the Community is mostly the rich and give a bit to the sound: in the Commons she poor it is wholly absurd that

It is still not too late to

start anew. If the apprentice-

nologies. The British appren-ticeship system has long suffered both from its re-

liance on the willingness of

individual firms to train em-

ployees who might then leave

them and from the unions

reluctance to change old traditions of duration and

entry requirements. New

demands can now be met by new approaches. The political climate is right in that the

Government has now commit-

ted itself to major expendi-

ture to meet the problems of

unemployed school leavers.

Few even among the most

hardened backbenchers would

dispute that this is better

spent on training for the future than simply subsidiz-

ing jobs. Even the unions seem more willing than in the

past to accept new training

patterns so long as there is a

The foundation for a rad-

commitment

increasingly out of touch with reality. This is, after all, a relatively propitious moment. Rising world food prices have reduced the cost of Com munity subsidies and made Britain's contribution even lower than expected. The general atmosphere is relatively good. National passions are relatively quiescent. Yet instead of this opening the way to movement it seems to have taken some of the urgency out of the pressure for reference. for reform.

While the foreign ministers continue their efforts, Mrs Thatcher could still make a useful contribution by moving more rapidly towards joining the EMS. The excuse that the pound is now a petro-cur-rency is not valid. Nor is she right if she thinks she can agriculture. Beyond that, even after Britain relin quishes the chair to Belgium at the end of the month she can still take a more creative attitude towards reform. It might even be useful to the government in domestic politics — more useful than the excuses and delays which in effect give the Government a

the Government

should now aim to provide all

school leavers with some form of intermediate training.

It should expand the present

small-scale unified vocational

ment action can achieve such

do the training itself. It can,

if it prefers, impose an inescapable legal requirement on the employer, refunding at least part of the cost, and it

can stimulate new intiatives

through, say, regionally-based

bodies. But act it must. Two

things can frustrate the best

hopes: the unions, and politi-

but understandable; unless we

are less intelligent and sin-

cere than the Europeans it should be possible to devise a scheme which is viable and also has sensible safeguards

against exploitation. The

political will depends on Mr

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Tech courses.

strategy of its paper "A new Training Initiative." In par-

Vice-Chairman, Conservative European Affairs Committee, House of Commons. December 1.

From Lord Chelwood Sir, Mr Heffer is right: a Marxist Britain could not belong to the preparational training, for those finding jobs, not at the paltry pace of universal cover-European Community. But would the Kremlin welcoms another Romania in the Warsaw block? age by 1990 but by 1985 at the latest with a preference towards one-year traineeships. And this should be December 1.

unified with the training provided under the Youth

for retraining and further training should be opened up Georgina Ashworth for adults of whatever age, particularly those made redundant, through the expan-sion of skills centres, in-house courses and the Open What the Germans, French and Swiss and others have shown is that only govern-

> ratification six months later.
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> The British Government signed in July this year, but the significant act is ratification. Election to the monitoring committee will be on March 3 next year, for 28 states have become party to the convention, bringing it into force. Responsibility for ratification lies with the Foreign ratification lies with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in

cal timidity. The unions are unhappy at the idea of a training wage. The fear of cheap labour is short-sighted ments of government. The convention notes, not a little sadly, that despite other international instruments, including the Declaration of Human Rights, "extensive discrimination against women continues to exist". It would be fitting that the United Kingdom Government, led by a woman Prime Minister, should ratify this instrument on

Yours sincerely. MARY STOTT, Chairman, G. ASHWORTH, Convener, International Committee, The Fawcett Society, 25 Wilton Road, SW1

Paisley and Ulster From Mr K. N. McGill

Sir, Miss Dervla Murphy (November 28) finds it tempting to dismiss Ian Paisley as a half-crazed buffoon because he has succumbed to the temptation to call Mrs Thatcher a liar and a

But there is nothing personal about these courtesies. A few years ago you yourself described Mr Paisley as "the Rev Dr" although the only formal qualification he held was a diploma from Ballymena Tech.

He is someone who has beater

treats his people with contempt; he and Rory O'Brady of the IEA are brothers under the skin. Paisley believes that God is with him and O'Brady believes that history will absolve him. To best this sort of brew

that person-to-person, away from the arena, he is a caring minister even if his training was unortho-Yours etc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Labour's way out of Europe

Britain and Greece are the balanced her remarks about revenue should be raised From Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Flint West (Conservative)
Sir, The more we learn of the
Labour Party's plans for withdrawal from the EEC, the more the rich and penalizes the poor.

Of course the solutions are technically and politically difficult but unless the Community begins soon to show more signs of shaking itself out of its ingrained habits of thought and procedure it is going to look increasingly out of touch with reality. This is, after all, a relatively propitious moment. sociate status agreed. In that way we could continue to develop trade with the EEC but without

trade with the EEC but without the barriers against the outside world which exist today because of EEC membership".

In fact, of course, if Britain withdraws from the EEC it is virtually impossible that we shall be able to negotiate associate status. Let us however, assume the impossible for arguments sake, In that case we would be bound by the trading rules of the EEC, but without being able to exert any influence to change them. How would that improve matters for us?

What would happen if we did

What would happen if we did withdraw would be that the other EEC countries, so far from more rapidly towards joining the EMS. The excuse that the pound is now a petro-currency is not valid. Nor is she tight if she thinks she can bargain British membership for French concessions on agriculture. Beyond that

> Mr Heffer does not even pose the two key questions. If British industry cannot hold its own in industry cannot hold its own in the guaranteed free market of the EEC, how is it going to compete in the much rougher world market? Perhaps by selling car kits to Iran? And, once we have demonstrated our unreliability by bolting out of the EEC, just who is going to conclude any kind of firm agreement with us?
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> Until Mr Heffer provides some kind of answers to these questions it is impossible to take him seriously as Labour's front beach spokesman on the EEC.
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> I am, etc.

I am, etc, ANTHONY MEYER,

Opportunities Programme. At Women's rights

the same time, opportunities From Mrs Mary Stott and Mrs

Sir, As Human Rights Day, December 10, approaches we should like to draw readers' attention to a human rights instrument that has not yet been ratified by the British Govern-ment. The "Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women" was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December, 1979, and ment action can achieve such was open for signature and objectives. It does not have to ratification six months later.

consultation with other depart-

the date when all victims of exploitation, discrimination, degradation, oppression and per-secution are remembered: Human Rights Day.

the system which treated and still

requires more than adding a shriller element to the contempt. Anyway, Paisley's flock know

Scarman and positive discrimination

Britain unthinkable in recent Lord Boyle From the Reverend Harry Potter years, police battles have almost become a feature of life in some Sir, One of the commonest criticisms of the Scarman report of the big cities and this is something for which the public and not the police should be thoroughly ashamed. is that it takes no account of, and indeed denies the existence of, institutional racism in this counthoroughly ashamed.

Of course the police must not be biased against one section of the community, but if in the daily experience of their duty they actually find that one section of the community is responsible for by far the highest percentage of the violent crime in a particular area their search for culprits is bound to lead them towards that section in making their investigations. try. Its existence is debatable; what is not open to doubt is that many people believe it exists, and this is a major stumbling block to getting blacks to put their faith in, or participate in, the normal procedures for social advance. If

people have no trust in our organs of government, or education, or law, if they doubt that white judges and an all-white Parliament will really represent their interests or enact equitable laws, or that a white police force will administer the law justly, then their fears and frustrations may be channelled into violence. Lord Scarman has already urged that the police make all efforts to recruit officers from consequences and so indeed must it be with those who visit our shores and wish to take up residence in our beautiful and richly privileged country with the many blessings of our traditional way of life which we treasure and do not wish to see ragnished. errorts to recruit officers from ethnic minority groups, Imperial College have said that they will make allowance for the poorer educational attainments of children from deprived areas. This is the sort of "positive discrimination" which most universities

make for mature students, and which Oxbridge colleges carry out for candidates from comprehensive schools who are often hensive schools who are often admitted on A-level results and interview without sitting the entrance exam for which their schools are ill-equipped to prepare them. The final degree standard remains the same for all, Allowance is made for those with ability but who have suffered some relative educational disadvantage.

disadvantage.
So far so good. It is most important, however, that the political parties make an effort to prove their commitment to racial justice. First of all they could nominate several black or Asian peers for the New Year's Honours List. This would be an immediate and direct way of showing that we wish to allow blacks to participate in the planted in troduced areas for the specific purpose of fomenting strife for political ends which, if successful, would incidentally replace all freedom with op-

H. I. F. RYAN, The Old Rectory Wantage, Oxfordshire, November 27.

From Councillor Trevor Brown Sir, It is a great pity that Lord Scarman has failed to take the opportunity to make a major step forward in the democratic con-trol of the police. He identified a damaging isolation of the police from the public and the need to have a greater independent element in dealing with complaints against officers.

mony and equality was more than mere lip service and it would give the lie to the belief that our Both of these aspects are dealt with reasonably satisfactorly in all other areas of local government by the full involvement of elected representatives. The If our police force and schools, our legal and government organs can prove that they are instru-ments for the fair advancement give elected representatives the EDWARDHEATH, same role in the management of F.H.HINSLEY, of all, then we may go a long way to preventing rioting in the streets or the equally dispiriting apathetic nihilism of so many of the police as they have in roads, education, fire-lighting, social services and other aspects of our community life, instead of the ineffectual role they are currently permitted to play in police

police officer could not control a riot while taking advice from a councillor standing behind him. But councillors do not stand behind teachers dealing with an

At a time when all parties are pressing for the strengthening of local government, it would have been helpful if the Scarman report had done the same.

Yours etc. TREVOR BROWN. 2 The Glade, Newbury, Berkshire.

If an Englishman chooses to live in another country in Europe, Africa, Asia or elsewhere he must respect the laws of that country or take the consequences and so indeed must

do not wish to see tarnished.
With all its shortcomings it may safely be said that nowhere in the world is the law more careful to preserve the freedom and dignity of the individual than its Reitain but, our traditional in Britain, but our traditional respect for the law and for those appointed to enforce it must be

jealously guarded.

Any show of violence against Any show of violence against the police is a very serious crime indeed, calling for a very severe penalty, for only when laws are respected can the liberty of the individual be upheld and maintained and this is doubly important at a time when fifth-column elements are being systematically planted in troubled areas for the specific purpose of fomenting

Yours sincerely, Letcombe Bassett,

simple solution is therefore to

authorities.
It is sometimes said that a unruly class, or fire chiefs tackling a difficult fire. Council-lors do, however, decide policy and guidelines and institute inquiries when necessary.

Law on secret ballots

blacks to participate in the political structures of our coun-

Secondly, all the parties could nominate an appreciable number of black candidates for the next general election. In both these actions the major parties would be working together, sharing the possible political approbrium and demonstrating a concerted deter-

demonstrating a concerted deter-

mination to get something done.

This would go a long way to restore or enhance the confidence of the ethnic minorities in

our political institutions; it would

demonstrate dramatically that their commitment to racial har-

institutions are racist.

Yours faithfully,

HARRY POTTER,

From Mr F. I. M. Rvan

Sir, The Scarman report makes some criticism of the police and certainly none of us is perfect, but the British police force has for long been the envy of the world and the pride of the British people not only for its

people, not only for its efficiency, calm courage and resourcefulness, but particularly also for its friendly helpfulness

and its patience and good-humoured tolerance at all times.

Whereas to strike a policeman or even to resist arrest was rare

and to the average citizen in

6 Walnut House.

Clyde Street, Deptford, SE8. November 28.

From Mr I. S. Westley and others Sir, The Secretary for Employ-ment must now commit himself to legislative options open to him.
We write to persuade him to decommit himself from today's statement of intent in the House of Commons (Parliamentary Report, November 24), largely motivated by the Crosby by-elec-tion, and to confine his Bill to making compulsory the election of all trade union executives by secret postal ballot from the shop-floor stewards upwards, and the ballot to be funded, if so

requested, by the Government.
This is a measure which is impeccably democratic and one which the majority of the people of our country would wholeheartedly support and certainly not regard as a policy of confrontation with the unions.

Significantly the broad left and the left wing of the Labour Party await in high expectation of Mr Tebbit succumbing to right-wing Tory pressure for legislation along the lines of today's statement. Even more significant than the broad left's relish for such a policy of confrontation is the fact that they fear the secret ballot like Dracula does the crucifix.

In making his decision Mr

Tebbit must keep in mind that the secret ballot would eliminate the

cynical exploitation of the antidemocratic aspects of the block-vote system and make effective the real opinion of the rank and file, thereby releasing a force, hitherto mainly unharnessed, based on their common sense and their true interest.

As active trade unionists, but writing in a personal capacity, we urge members of all parties to put pressure on the Minister to give secret ballots top priority.

Yours faithfully. I. S. WESTLEY (Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, Engineering Section),
M. A. OGIER (Association of
Professional, Executive, Clerical
and Computer Staff),
S. J. NICHOLS (Society of Civil and Public Servants), S. T. COTTINGHAM (Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs),

W. J. STAFF (Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians), JEFF DAVIS (National Union of Students), J. BEASLEY (National and Local Government Officers'

Association), PETER ARNOTT (Civil and Public Services Association), Daleway, Sawston, Cambridge November 23

Wheelchairs in cinemas

From Miss R. M. Shearman Sir, Your correspondent, Derek Hayward (November 28) may like to know that there is an excellent booklet, London for the Disabled Visitor, available at newsagents which contains much detailed which contains much detailed information on facilities such as access, etc, including cinemas and theatres. Another very useful publication is British Rail - Guide for the Disabled, published by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation, which contains access arrangements for numerous railway stations throughout the country. throughout the country.

Mr Hayward should not despair. I am aged 19 and confined to a wheelchair and am finding an increasing awareness of the problems during the International Year of the Disabled. British Rail staff and London taxi drivers are most helpful and in response to an appeal from my family British Telecom recently reduced the height of a public reduced the height of a public telephone at Kings Cross station.

Yours faithfully. R. SHEARMAN. Bracken Hill, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin, Hertfordshire. November 29.

Memorial trust for

From Dame Janet Baker and

others Sir, Since the death of Lord Boyle moving tributes have been paid to his record of public service, his wide scholarly interests and human sympathies, and his modesty, kindness and courage. Many of his admirers in academic and public life have suggested that his work should be honoured in a permanent fashion. fashion.

Lord Boyle spent 11 years as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds, years which he described as his happiest and most fulfilling. He had immersed himself in the university and all himself in the university and all its concerns; and it seemed meet and right that the university together with friends connected with different spheres of his life and career, should take the initiative in establishing the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust. The Chancellor of the university. HRH the Duchess of Kent, will be its patron; and the proposal has received the warm approval of Lord Boyle's sister, Mrs Jack Gold.

Gold.
The fund will be devoted to the advancement of education, learnadvancement of education, learning and music. Among the objects immediately in mind are scholarships, covering part of the very high fees now levied, for overseas students of distinction who could not otherwise come to British universities, Lord Boyle cared deeply about Britain's overseas connections, especially those with Commonwealth countries.

The trust will provide assistance to the study of music especially in that department at the University of Leeds; and will also support a concert of high distinction, commemorating Lord Boyle's chairmanship of the jury at the Leeds International Piano Competition. We give these as examples; the trustees will sup-port other initiatives, especially those which will forward the many causes with which Lord

Boyle was strongly identified.

May we ask all your readers
who value Lord Boyle's example who value Lord Boyle's example to contribute generously? The trust will have charitable status, and gifts by covenant would be particularly appreciated. Contributions should be made payable to the "The Edward Boyle Memorial Trust" and should be seen to the Office of the Action sent to the Office of the Acting Vice-Chancellor, the University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Yours faithfully JANET BAKER. WILLIAM BULMER, MICHAELJAFFE. PATRICK CROTTY. FRED DAINTON, CLADWYN. ANNCOLD RICHARDB.GRAHAM, G.J WARNOCK, JOHNGRIGG, WILLIAMWALSH

ROYJENKINS, HAROLDMacMILLAN, ALBERTSLOMAN. WILLIAMTWEDDLE. WILLIAMWALSH, FANNYWATERMAN, F.H.HINSLEY, HAROLI The University of Leeds. HAROLDWILSON.

Romney Marsh

November 26.

From Mr D.H.L. Hopkinson Sir, From Mr Nightingale's letter (Nov. 28) it might be assumed that all the churches on Romney Marsh are in Kent and the Diocese of Canterbury. In fact the thriving parish of Camber and the medieval marsh church of East Guldeford are both in East Sussex and Diocese of Chichester. We are proud that we have been able to maintain and the marvellous building at East Guldeford despite the small

population. All Sussex men have known for centuries that we conduct our affairs and cricket better than Kent. Would the Romney Marsh parishes like to come over now into the Diocese of Chichester? Yours faithfully, D.H.L HOPKINSON,

Chairman, Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance, St John's Priory, Poling, Arundel, November 29.

The Bulldog's grip From Mr Christopher Godfrey

Sir, Colonel Capadose's appraisal of the Bulldog wheel clamp (November 30) seems to ignore one obvious consideration.

one obvious consideration.

There cannot be many countries in the world where, to prevent a car causing an obstruction, a device is attached that ensures the obstruction will continue for the rest of the day. You might as well cure traffic jams by building barricades every morning and taking them down several hours later, Yours faithfully. C. GODFREY, 159 Lee High Road, SE13.

SDP philosophy From Mr Kenneth Moir

Sir, The SDP has been criticised for its lack of policies. Perhaps that is its strength. Recent events seem to indicate that the voters prefer pragmatism to dogmatism. Yours faithfully, KENNETH MOIR, 45 Breamwater Gardens, Ham, Richmond, Surrey. November 29.

Matrimonial burdens

From Mr Robert Hargreaves Sir, I am surprised no one has yet pointed out the implications of these findings for the divorce or mess that the divorce courts. Deprived of a wife's services valued at £204 a week, should not deserted husbands now be able to claim this sum as part of their maintenance in order to pay for a replacement? Yours faithfully, ROBERT HARGREAVES.

17 Kitson Road, SW13.

It is, of course, in her nature to do that. She does not feel the inspiration of the European Community in her bones. She accepts it intellectually, and politically she has not done badly out of it. Her fight to reduce the British contribution was a triumph though it cost her some frayed tempers in the Com-munity. What she says about

WANTED: A PLAN FOR SKILLED PEOPLE Later this month the new Services Commission, it is Commission and the broader employment secretary Mr. still training that has proved Norman Tebbit will make his to be one of the greatest long awaited policy statement victims of industry's straighon new training initiatives. He tened financial circumshould not shirk it. Never in stances, while the general the last fifty years has there political atmosphere has harbeen quite the same oppor-tunity to go for bold and Government's decision to imaginative departure. Nor abolish 17 of the statutory has there ever been quite the industrial training boards and

need. to throw financing of the
Even at the best of times it remainder back on industry's
has been clear that Britain voluntary shoulder. has lagged dispiritingly behind Germany and our main European compensations standards and coverage of its basic employment training. The latest study published by the National Institute of Social and Economic Resolutions has merely confirmed with the flexibility of skills demanded by the newer technologies. The British apprendant long European competitors in the industrial decline for several generations - that Germany's insistence that nearly all school leavers receive vocational training has helped put it far ahead of this country in terms of its technical skills and productivity. On the National Institute's figures, while 60 per cent of German workers have skilled qualifications, fewer than 30 per cent of British workers have the equivalent of apprentice-ships or City and Guilds certificates. Some two-thirds of British workers have no

compared with a third in Germany. As the recession has deep-ened, Britain's ramshackle structure of apprenticeships and training is actually getting worse. The numbers of youngsters recruited for craft and technician training in the engineering industry is the lowest since records began 15 ical new programme is there years ago. Despite all the in the individual initiatives of efforts of the Manpower the Manpower Services.

vocational qualifications at all

EQUAL TIME FOR EQUAL CHANCES

government

behind them.

broadcasting time to the Committee on Party Political Broadcasting. This is the committee composed of representatives from the five other political parties and the broadcasting authorities. It determines the allocation of party election broadcasts, and of party political broadcasts between elections. It is usually concerned with issues of only relatively minor importance because the basic rules were laid down long ago. But these rules are founded on the principle that

broadcasting time should be allotted according to the number of votes cast for each party at the previous general between Conservative, Labour election, with a provision to and Alliance candidates. That ensure that a party fielding a minimum of fifty candidates does not go without a broadcast of its own. This broad framework, within which the precise arrangements could be hammered out each time. was appropriate enough at a time of political stability when the essential question at each election was which of the two main parties would form the next government. There were reasonable doubts

All the indications are, however, that it would be an example of legalistic pedantry at its worst to fix the broadcasting rules for the next election according to how the votes were cast last time. There was no such thing as a Social Democratic Party in 1979, so it would be impossible to judge its claim to broadcasting time at the next election by its failure to win any votes at the last one. The present evidence, according to by-elections as well as opinion polls, suggests that the next election will be essentially a three-horse race is the political reality which ought to be reflected in the

broadcasting arrangements. The best way to do this would be for the governing principle to be the number of candidates that each party, or group, is putting into the field. If the Alliance manages to fight the election as a single entity it should be treated as a single party. This would provide broadly equal conditions for political armies even then as to whether such of equal size. The obvious a system was fair to the objection that will be raised is

The Social Democrats have at Liberals, or sometimes to the least won the right to put Nationalist parties. But it was their case for a fair share of not manifestly absurd. that this would enable unrepresentative parties, which have failed over the years to resentative parties, which have failed over the years to capture any significant public support, to win a disproportionate share of broadcasting time simply by putting a-large number of certain losers into the field. The National Front would be the most

likely beneficiary. This would in fact be a small price to pay for fair electoral conditions. But there is one reasonable safeguard that could be applied. It should be made more difficult for parties with little public support to field a large number of candidates. We have already argued that to deter cranks the number of voters in the relevant constituency required to sign a candidate's nomination form should be increased from the present derisory figure of ten to 500 or even 1,000. At the same time it would be sensible to raise the deposit that each candidate has to put down. A drastic increase would put an unfair strain on potentially popular but poor parties, but that still leaves room to put up the level from

£150 at which it has stood

since 1918. That would be

£1,500 at today's values. A figure of £500 would be easily

K. N. McGILL, Granite Hills, Grange Walk, Faversham,



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 1: The Queen, Chief Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh, and The Prince and Princess of Wales, this morning at Buckingham Palace handed over cars to disabled people in the Motability Scheme (Chairmus, the Lord Goodman).

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh,
Patron and Trustee, this afternoon attended a Reception at
Buckingham Palace for young
people who have reached the
Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Prince of Wales, Joint Patron, this afternoon visited the Great Japan Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1.

ly, WI.
The Prince and Princess of
Walcs were entertained at dinner
this evening by the Right Hon
the Speaker at Speaker's House.
The Hon Edward Adeane and
Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith were
in attendance.

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The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the annual dinner of the Gloucester-shire branch of the Royal College of Midwives (Chairman, Miss.M. J. Twenlow) at Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham.

Mrs Andrew Fellden was in attendance.

Reception

Royal College of Nursing
Airs M., Morgan, President of the
Royal College of Nursing, last
night gave a reception at 20
Cavendish Square when Lord
Brahourne unveiled a plaque to
mark the restoration of the
painted staircase in memory of
his mother, Doreen, Lady Brahourne, a vice-president of the
college. Countess Mountbatten of
Burma, Lord Romsey, vice
presidents, honorary officers and
friends of the college were also
present.

Luncheons

IM Government
The Hon George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland,
was host at a luncheon held
vesterday at Dover House,
Whitehall, on the occasion of the
visit to London of the Right Rev
Andrew B. Doig, Moderator of
the General Assembly of the
Church of Scotland.

Foreign Press Association

in London
The Queen of Denmark and the
Prince of Denmark were guests
of honour at a funcheon given
yesterday at 11 Cariton House
Terrace by the Foreign Press
Association. The bost was Mr
Claus Toksvig, president of the
association. The Danish
Ambassador was also present.

Canning Honse
The Director-General of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, Mr S. M. Mackenzie, was host at a luncheon given yesterday at 2 Belgrave Square in honour of the Foreign Minister of Brazil, Senor Rameiro E. S. Guerreiro. The guests included the Brazilian Ambassador, memthe Brazilian Ambassador, mem-hers of the Brazilian Embassy, members of the council and of the Latin American Trade Advis-Society of London Golf Captains
The annual dinner of the Society
of London Golf Captains was held
at the Contaught Rooms last
night. Dr A. S. Crockert,
chairman and captain, presided.
The guest of honour was Mr
Hugh Neill, Captain of the Royal
and Ancient Golf Ciub. The other
speakers were Mr R. A. Lang and
Mr John Wild.

Dinners

Speaker The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at a dinner given by the Speaker yesterday in Speaker's House. Other guests were: The Prime Minister and Mr. Lenis Thalcher, Mr. Michael Foot, MP, and Mrs Pand, Mr. Francis Pym, MP, and Mrs Pym, ine Hon John Silkin.

Memorial service

Miss J. Matthews
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr Michael Collon at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Jessie Matthews held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev John Artowsmith officiated assisted by the Paul Michael Hurst-Bannister Arrowsmith officiated assisted by the Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister (Actors) Church Union). Mr Charles Simon read a passage from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and Dame Anna Neagle read a prayer by Father Bede Jarrett. Mr Barrie Stacey gave an address, and Miss Audrey Loybnurne sang "Where is Love" from Oliver by Mr Lionel Bart. Among others present were: Among others present were: Counters Sylvent (daughter), My Martin Lirisont and Miss Jessica Crissint Grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Harra Matthews (bruther and sister un Law (Mes R Cafelly (Sister), Miss

Birthdays today



Lady Susan Hussey has suc-ceeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
December 1: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother this afternoon
visited Chigwell School, Chigwell,
Essex, and opened the new
Practical Arts Centre.
The Lady Elizabeth Basset and
Sir Martin Gilliat were in
attendance.
The Lady Isan Bankin had

The Lady Jesu Rankin has succeeded the Lady Angels Cowald as Lady in Waiting to Her

KENSINGTON PALACE December 1: The Duke of Gloucester as Grand Prior was present this afternoon at the Grand Prior's Trophy Compe-titions of the St John Ambulance at West Centre Hotel and presented the awards to the

Bland was in attendance.
The Duchess of Gloucester as
Patron this evening visited the
Notting Hill Housing Trust's
Annual Christmas Fair at Kensington Town Hall, London.
The Hon Mrs Munro was in
attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 1: The Duchess of
Kent today visited British Aerospace at Holme-on-Spalding Moor
and opened the new Machine
Shop at Brough.
Her Royal Highness, who
travelled in an aircraft of The
Queen's Flight, was attended by
Mrs Alan Henderson.

Nanty Maithews, Mr Brian Matthew Mrs C Coleman, Mr Andrew Colema Miss Elaine Coleman, Mrs McDaniots, Gina and Lov McDaniels.

Inner Temple

City Livery Yacht Club
The City Livery Yacht Club held
the twenty-fifth laying-up dinner
at Sion College last night. The
Commodore, Lt-Colonel Leslie S.
Davis, presided assisted by Mrs
Davis and other flag officers. Mr
T. H. Blennerhassett, vicecommodore. Rear-Admiral
Richard C. A. Fitch, naval
secretary, and Mr Grahsm R.
Dowson, Commodore of the
Royal London Yacht Club also
spoke. Sir Robin Gillett presented the Founder Commodore
Trophy to Mr Ronald R. Elliott
and the Watts Thames Trophy to
Mr Bennis J. Graham. Among
the guests were: The Deputy Master
of Thinly Houss, the Master of the
Master Mariners Company, and the
President of the City Livery Club.

of Esher, Surrey.

and Miss C. Rowntree
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, only son of Mrs J.
E. Reynolds, of Hampstead,
London, and Mr J. M. Reynolds
of Wick, West Suasex, and Clare,
youngest daughter of Mr and
Mrs T. W. Rowntree, of Old
Bursledge, Hange Christening

Weavers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs were present last
night at the livery dunner of the
Weavers' Company held at
Vintners' Hall. The Upper Bailiff,
Mr C. M. Wigan, and other
officers received the guests. The
Lord Mayor, the Upper Bailiff,
the Upper Warden, Mr S. J.
Sebire, and Mr Norman St JohnStevas. MP, were the speakers.

Mr John Gilroy (above), who is best known for the Guinness posters be designed from 1925 to 1960 (he introduced the "toucan" motif) is to be given the freedom of the City of London in a ceremony at Guildhall at noon today.

Miss Elaine Coleman, Mrs Medanichs, Gina and Lee McDaniels.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH. and Lady Elwyn-Jones, Sir Joha and Ledy Woolf, Mr Bernard Price, Mr Line Simes, Mr Line Bart, Mr Peter Pauuders, Major-General R B Landour, Mr John Tydeman (representing The Director-General of the BBC and Mr Giyn Dearman (representing The Director-General of the BBC and Mr Giyn Dearman (representing The Lills Aboriety), Mr Bernard Baschwitz, Mr K Waschitt, National Film Theatre and British Film Institute), Mr Noci Whitcomb, Miss Mavis Wright (Jeste Milltown), Mr John Penrope, Mr John Geldy Mr Mr John Gald (Chinney), Liddane, Miss Hero de Rance, Mr John Gald (Society of West End Theatre and Theatres National Committee), Miss Freda Sleet, the Boy Norman Mrshrow Scholer, the For Norman Steel, Ludlow Mr Peter Sement (Council of British Actors Equity Association), Mrs George Gel, Miss Actors Laudow Mr Peter Sement (Council of British Actors Equity Association), Mrs George Gel, Miss Actor Lordon Ballet Circle 1, Mr Brian Lowe and Mr Peter Willmore.

Latest wills

Mr Henry Anderson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £305,693 net. After personal bequests of more than £5,000 and charitable bequest of £52,000 he left the residue to

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Dolan, Sheila Elizabeth, of Wokingham, Berkshire £230,848 of Navan, county Meath, estate in England, Wales, and the Irish Republic 1247,619

500,000 are expected at papal visit to Coventry

The Pope will celebrate Mass before an expected 500,000 people at Coventry next summer from a specially constructed 15ft-bigh altar.

So huge are the crowds expected to be at Coventry Airport on Whit Sunday that a four-ward field hospital with about thirty beds and an operating theory is to be set up. There will be 10 food marquees measuring 250ft by 40ft.

More than £650,000 is to be spent on buildings for the five-hour papal visit. Providing lavatories will cost £150,000.

People planning to see the Pope during his visit were urged yesterday not to be scared sway by the idea of huge crowds. The appeal came from Mr Thomas Gavin, the Midlands coordinator of the visit who is organizing the gathering.

put off by the size of the crowds", he said. "There will be hags of room." The crowd at the 365-acre airport is expected to begin building up 15 hours before the 10 am Mass, and thousands will spend the night in the open air.

Makers of Playing Cards Company

The following have been elected officers of the Makers of Playing Cards Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr S. B. Edell;
Senior Warden, Mr J. G. B.
Watson, MP; Junior Warden,
Mr D. B. Maurice.

Forthcoming marriages Mr R. J. L. Burger and Mrs S. J. F. Mudie

The engagement is announced between Raymond Burger and Sandra Mudie (née Brown), both Mr N. P. Reynolds and Miss C. Rowntree

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair R. Ross was christened Alexandra Caroline Margaret by the Very Rev Dr John R. Gray in Dunblane Cathedral on Sunday, November, 22. The godparents are Captain and Mrs Mervyn Fox-Pitt.

City toasts Guinness painter



ceremony at Guildhall at noon today.

Mr Gilroy, who is 83, is also well known as a portrait painter. Among his sitters are most of the leading members of the Royal Family, also Mr Edward Heath, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone and Sir John Gielgud.

He painted several portraits of Lord Mountbatten of Burma, including the last painted of him, shortly before his death.

Many of Mr Gilroy's paintings are to be seen at the Garrick Many of Mr Gibroy's paintings are to be seen at the Carrick Club. of which he is a keen member. They include a scene of the club's annual outing to the Derby, with club servants dancing on the turf.

Lords Gallery in St John's Wood, north London, is ylanning an exhibition of the original Guinness posters.

Sir William Hugh Stobart Chance, of Birlingham, Pershore, Hereford and Worcester, a director of Chance Brothers from 1924 to 1964, left estate valued as £82,617 net.

Margaret Primrose Thomson, of

Worthing, West Sussex, left escate valued at [45,700 net. She left all her property to the RNLL for the Widows Fund.

Raban, Mr Thomas Baker, of Shefford, Bedfordshire. £276,445 Wingfield, Mrs Juliet Constance,



RELIGIOUS TELEVISION AWARDS

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

An hour-long television profile of Cardinal Hume, Archinshop of Westminister, was yesterday given the open award in the annual Sandford St Martin Trust competition for religious radio and talevision in the United Kingdom. The programme was made by Thames Television, producer Mr Robert Fleming, and shown on the Independent Television network in February.

The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr Robert Runcie, presented the award to Mr Fleming at Lambeth Palace. The trust, whose chairman is the Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev Colin James, has previously made only awards for radio programmes.

Runner-up in the open section was the BBC Everyman programme for its: item on the visions of Garabandal, produced by Mr William Nicholson. Mr Fleming received 1500 and Mr Nicholson 1200. The current affairs prize was awarded to Mr Colin Cameron, producer of the "Heart of the Matter" item on the Irish hunger-strike, who receives 150. The best regional programme prize worth 1200 was won by Scottish Television for a programme on attitudes to nuclear weapons in the Dunoon community.

The judges, headed by Sit Huw Washeld.

community.

The judges, headed by Sir Haw Whelden, also made a special personal award of £100 to Mr Peter Armstrong, of the BBC, who is senior producer of religious television programmes.

After the presentation of prizes or Runcie said he believed the standard of religious broadcassing in Britain was rising, and he praised the Sandford St Martin Trust for encouraging the production of high quality programmes.

University news

Appointiments

G C Moode to be professor in politics
department, as deputy vice-chanceller.

P it venables to be professor and head
of parchology department, as pro-vicechanceller. C it February and social
bislory. S head of economics being
department and visited stories; D Black
department and visited stories; D Black
department and visited stories; D Black
department in music department, to
the department.

Personal chairs: M J Mulkay (social
administration).

Bradshaw (social
administration).

St Andrew's

snapped up at Sotheby's By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Contradictory results emerged from yesterday's main art auctions. Impressionist, modern and contemporary paintings, the field beloved of "jet-setters" were left 35 per cent unsold at Christie's; rare Old Master prints, beloved of scholars (pairticularly American and Continental), were topping record prices with 13 per cent left unsold at Christie's; Victorias watercolours, beloved of the British middle class, were selling like hot cakes with 11, per cent unsold at Sotheby's Belgravia.

Best and most contradictory of all was the market for routine nineteenth-century icons in Zurich. Sotheby's and Christie's have had disastrous results in that field over the past six months in London and Sotheby's tors to London. The special strength of the suction lay in northern, Remaissance prints, a collection of German arints.

ES,000-17000).

Christie's Old Master print sale had attracted all the important international dealers and collectors to London. The special strength of the auction lay in northern, Renaissance prints, a collection of German, prints begun in the nineteenth tentury and a group of Lucas van Leyden engravings from and English private source. had taken a modest 160-lot sale to Zurich.
Only 8 per cent was left ansold Three nineteenth-century panels of "The Saviour", "John the Baptist", and "The Virgin", catalogued by Sotheby's as over-

The Rev PH Widdess, Asst Curate of

The key P. Whealey, Vicar of Holy Cross, Cromer Street, dicease of Landon, to be Vicar of St James, West Hampstead, same diocese.

The Rev J F Whitlock, Rector of St. Mawgan with St. Crysm and St Eval decree of Traro, to be Bishop of Discount Discount Chaptain, and discount Discount Chaptain, and discount Discount Chaptaids. Same discount of Continuous, discount of Leicuster, also to be Priest in Charge of Sengrava, same discount.

The Rev T W Denham, Vicar of St Cabriels, Bishopwearmouth, diocese of Durham, to resign on January 26, 1982.

Church news

and Barnhams, same diocuse.
The Rave E R Pilitagion, esector of
Theydon Garnon, diocese of Chelinstand, to be vicus of St. Michael.
Gides Park, same diocese, vicus of
The Rev. J. M. Prior, vicus of
Marshrield with Cold Ashton, diocese
of Bristol, to be Rector of Truit with
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25 Years Ago

From The Times of Friday November 30 1956

U.S. Support for Baghdad Pact

Washington, Nov 29.— The State Department announced tonight, with Presidential approval, that the utmost gravity any threat to the territory or independence of members of the Dulles last met the Press to say.

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Baghdad Pact. The statement, it is aid, was directed at Russia. Syria, or any other government of official record; the President has had only one Press conference during this momentous period; and, with Congress in recess, there has been no one to speak the treaty (Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq, and Persia) and no mention membions. There are so many conflicting views at the lower scene as the man of the hour. Allowing for his illness, it is primed, that the real American position—if anyone knows it—independence of members of the

Moreover . . . Miles Kington

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no other poet has ever man to meet, except perhaps the Old hairy man. I greet you! Poet Laureate, but he tends Bearded and birded old man, to get stuck at the first line with occasional guillemots or two. Here is summings's and ravens dropping in, I intestate 1431,836 Leonard, Mr Gilbert Arthur, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two. Here is ummings's and ravens dropping in, I go get stuck at the first line with occasional gumentous or two.

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There are strict Common Market are strict Common Market rules about poultry storage and this old man is breaking them all. Arrest him.

By the way, have you caught those three horsemen yet?

As a last try, the computer was fed the opening of the famous Brooke poem: "There is some corner of a foreign temperament.

Sometimes I think I am the

only same one round these

parts. Motorway horsemen. Birds beards. Now this nonsense about a field which is English in about a field which is English yet foreign. No wonder the EEC is cracking up. If you want real poetry, try this one for size, by me. Give me the moonlight, give me the girl, give me my dearest wishes: a slass of chean legion wine.

Thank you.

Reav Admiral Francis Edward Clemitson, CB, who died on November 27 at the age of 82, was Deputy Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet (Admin). Admiralty from 1950 to 1953. a glass of cheap Italian wine and a pound of Golden Delicious.

OBITUARY -

DR L. H. BUTLER Principal of Royal Holloway College

The younger son of W. H. pal in 1971. The younger son of W. H.
Butler, he was born on December 17, 1923. Educated Principal of Royal Holloway at Dudley Grammar School College, which was already and after war service in the growing rapidly. Under him RAF, at Magdalen College, owith a First Class in Modern with a First Class in Modern him History. He remained in Magdalen as a scholar and Faculty of Arts building in junior lecturer, and in 1946 1975, and special relationhe was elected a Feliow of All Souls College.

in charge of a department consisting of only 3 members of staff; when he left St Andrews in 1973 the staff had grown to fourteen. This period was one of university expansion, but in the country as a whole Medieval History did not not be the staff as much did not not benefit as much as other subjects; indeed the university troubles of the late university troubles of the late 1960s were marked by the open hostility of students, who expressed a preference for 'relevant' studies. In this climate Butler's achievement was extraordinary. Not only did his department continue to grow, instituting a single honours course in medieval history, but it also regularly attracted more students than attracted more students than did modern history. Members of the department who moved on to other universities in the 1970s could not compre-

Principal of Royal Holloway medievalists they encoun-College, University of Lontered Butler's administrative don, since 1973, died sud-denly in London on Novemb-er 26. He was 57.

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Souls College.

His research for his doctorate was on an aspect of Ain Shams in Egypt and Nice the fourteenth-century English church, but while still in
Oxford his interests turned
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Hospitallers on the island of Rhodes in the later Middle managed the finances careAges. His researches were fully and the college has very not completed before he died, low unit costs, which the but he became well-known as an expert on the Order's history.

In 1969 he was appointed Librarian of the Venerable Order of St John. He wanted to make members of the Order more aware of the Order more aware of the to make members of the Order more aware of the collection was reorganized and displayed in an enlarged museum. He was interested and displayed in an enlarged museum. He was historical director of the Council of Europe exhibition in 1970 on the Order of St John in Malta and from 1978 he was a trustee of the Lambeth Palace library.

In 1955 he was appointed the first Professor of Medieval History at St Andrews on the Capetian Kings of the first Professor of Medieval History at St Andrews of staff; when he left St Andrews in 1973 the staff had grown to fourteen. This cent lecturer: the Historical Association Summer Schools cent lecturer: the Historical Association Summer Schools which he directed in 1965, 1966 and 1978 were great occasions, and the success of medieval history at St Andrews was partly due to the

interest aroused in first-year students by his lectures.

As a departmental and college head he was kind and approachable. He always put the needs of the students first and insisted on high first and insisted on high standards of professional conduct from his young staff at St Andrews. In 1949 he married Gwendoline Williams, the well-known novelist, who survives him together with their only daughter.

COUNT UMBERTO MORRA

Dame Iris Origo writes: the age of 84. He was an active anti-

Piedmontese family, and his father, General Morra, was the Italian ambassador in Russia, so that Umberto spent his childhood in Petersburg, and after his parents' death returned to Italy, bringing with him his Russian toys — a gilt model of a "troika" and a large brown hear.
In his villa at Cortona,
Metelliano, with its frescoes
in the "style troubadour"
and its study modelled on

Napoleon's tent at Malmai-son, he received and concealed many anti-fascist friends, including Salvemini, and he also had many foreign guests, among them M. and be also had many foreign guests, among them M. were as useful as his Mittsrand and T. S. Eliot. thorough knowledge of the Lord Clark wrote of him that the was "a friend whose sweet ter, though he conscientions that the sincerity" had been a joy to him. Another great from their castle, to find friend was Bernard Berenson, and Morra published a book entitled Conversations which gives a Morra's lag years, though he

anti-fascist activity, acting as a link between the central "Committee for National Liberation" in Rome, and its branch in Tuscarry, and later hearts of on he became the private friends, that secretary of the Parri remembered.

Umberto Morra. Conte di appointed a the director of Lavriano, died on November the Italian Institute in Lon-7, in his villa at Cortona, at don, where he formed many the age of 84.

fascist, an excellent writer, and a great friend of England. He came of an old War he worked in the prisoner-of-war section of the Italian Red Cross and in times of crisis, such as the great advance of the "Desert Rats", he was much in demand to decipher the often garbled information that was telegraphed from North Africa.

He then became the Italian representative of the Inter-national Red Cross Com-mission which inspected the Allied POW camps all over Italy, and particularly the one for English generals (among them Generals Carton de Wiart and Monro) in the castle of Vincipitate. in the castle of Vincigliata, shore Florence. Here Morra's tact and humour

son, and Morra published a book entitled Conversations with Berenson, which gives a wivid picture of the famous connoisseur and of the Society for International friendship which united them.

During the Resistance, Morra played a large part in anni-fascist activity, acting as class and range of political class and range of political opinion. It is there, by his own desire, that he is buried. And it is there, and in the hearts of his numerous friends, that he will be remainhered.

ment to include composition, music literature, musical history, ethnomusicology and

later performance, In 1950 he founded the Pro

re-formed the International Society for Contemporary Music in Sydney, this made

possible an increase in the

presentation of new works by

PROFESSOR D. R. PEART

Professor Donald Richard to take up the newly created Peart, who died suddenly on chair of music at the Univer-November 26 at the age of 72, sity of Sydney. Here he was Professor of Music at developed the music departthe University of Sydney from 1948 to 1974, and from 1975 Professor Emeritus
Bord at Fovant, Wiltshire,
on January 9, 1909, the son
of Herbert Peart, he was
educated at Cheltenham Col-Musica Society of Sydney University which has been responsible for many first performances of operas and orchestral and choral music including newly-commissioned works. In 1956 he

lege, where he was a scholar, and Queen's College, Oxford, where he was Bible Clerk. In 1932 he was Osgood memorial prizeman. From 1932 to 1935 he was

at the Royal College of Music where he studied composition with Ralph Vaughan Williams and R. O. Morris, violin and viola with Ernest Tomlinson and Arthur Bent, and conducting with W. H. Reed and Constant Lambert. cal Society of Australia in In the Second World War 1964. In 1957 he was elected Reed and Constant Lambert. he was commissioned into FRCM. The Gloucestershire Regiment and saw service in West daughter of W. H. Germon. Africa, India and Burma. They had one son and one

younger Australian composers. Peart became the first president of the Musicologi-He married Ellen Lilian. Africa, India and Burma. They had one son and one After the war he was invited daughter.

Mme Besse, widow of M. Antonin Besse, the merchant

shipowner and philanthro-pist, founder of St Antony's College, Oxford, died on November 25 at the age of 92. He died in 1951.

Television

Luxurious returns

"There remains Sebastian", in a paragraph by using brief wrote Kingsley Amis in the course of chucking a few and in introducing, at each well-aimed custard pies at Brideshead Revisited (Granada) in the TLS the week before last. "Every time I Ryder's delicions, sad and relationships which come sharply alive at once. As before last. "Every time I Ryder's delicions, sad and relationships which come sharply alive at once. As Ryder's delicions, sad and sightly foolish wife Jane Asher is as perfect as Phoebe Nicholls's Cordelia has been throughout. It is luxurious, and it does luxuriate, but those who have long pronounced it dead of fatal flaws and frequently eased its way and frequently eased its way to the grave cannot resist returning to the corpse to confirm the causes of death and, indeed, to make sure that death has actually

Behind these obsessional autopsies lies the suspicion autopsies lies the suspicion that it may — or, worse, that parts of it may — still be alive. For if Brideshead is no more than a pathetic, snobbish and empty claim on the goodwill of the upper classes and an English Catholic god, cast in the form of a novel whose leading characters are all either beastly or dull, why does the phantom myth sail on, and the sense of grief and loss, even when removed from the Flyte family altogether and reduced to abstraction, remain so movabstraction, remain so mov-ing and so strong?

In the film the answer is plain: acting, direction, music and design all work music and design all work gloriously and consistently to the same end. Episode Eight, "Brideshead Deserted", exemplified its skill in three particular areas: in drawing, as all long serials must, on memories of what we have already seen; in easing us over sketchy sections of the novel in which ten years pass

The same could not, I am afraid, be said of Malcolm Feuerstein's An Arranged Marriage (ATV), which was a well-intentioned and some-Marriage (ATV), which was a well-intentioned and sometimes informative synthesis of Punjabi marriage customs as they survive and change in the West Midlands, based on interviews in the area and presented at length — here was the mistake — by professional actors in dramadocumentary form. It was not without charm but offered a great deal too much background in a naive and educational manner more suited to 9.30 in the morning than 10.30 at night.

Professionalism at the Brideshead level was on show in Protest (BBC 1), where Nigel Hawthorne played, superbly, both the conformist and the dissident in Vaclav Havel's masterly little play. Czechs find Protest horribly funny, I gather, and they are entilted to, but Innes Lloyd and Alistair Clark who respectively produced and directed, went instead for bitter ironies and, that decision taken, Mr Hawthorne displayed them to the hilt.

Michael Ratcliffe

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Other people could tell similar stories about the encouragement and loyalty she gave them, and the

Lunchtime service in Soho

"A bird is running a theatre, the top one act play theatre in the country, probably the world, she writes three novels, she's running a home, bringing up two kids, and dying of cancer — she's got my toast anyway." The voice, built to carry the length of Mile End Road on a foggy night, belongs to Rob Hoskins, here paying his respects to Verity Bargate, the director of the Soho Poly Theatre until her death last May. "She was the original punter with amazing taste." Irving Wardle examines the theatrical legacy of Verity Bargate (right). fine productions she conjured out

fine productions she conjured out of their work. The Poly in her time was a good place to start (Mary O'Malley and James Robson were among those it launched), and it had a soft spot for underdogs. But it was never a theatrical soup-kitchen. To a unique degree it combined non-exclusiveness with high professionalism; the only clue to the formula being summed up in the mystery factor of "Verity's taste". Hoskins, again, is speaking for other people as well when he says "Her spirit must be continued." death last May.

Hoskins has some reason for raising a glass to her memory. As the gangster Harold Shand in The Long Good Friday, and lago in Jonathan Miller's Othello, he is everybody's favourite Cockney actor. Now he is about to break into Southern Californian territory

Up to a point it is continuing. She was planning the theatre's advance programme until the end of her life, and one of the last plays she commissioned — a piece by Tony Marchant (author of Thick as Thieves) — arrives at the Poly next January. Also the film rights of her novel Children Crossing have been sold for production by Barry Hanson (who made The Long Good Friday.) But beyond these transitory links with the past, another means has been devised of keeping her name alive.

In the opinion of her friends and colleagues (and in mine too), she was the most persistent and effective encourager of new writing talent in the English theatre since George Devine. And just as the father of the Royal Court found his memorial in the George Devine Award so will she find round his memorial in the George Devine Award, so will she find hers in a Verity Bargate Award, to be given annually for "a play suitable for production in the Soho Poly's lunchtime season" (terms that reflect ber dislike of dis-tinguishing between short and full-

length plays, and her hatred of labelling anything as "the best").
The award consists of a prize of £1,000 and a guaranteed production; also the winning entry and the two runners-up will be and the two runners-up will be published by Eyre-Methuen. Entries are being invited from January 31, to coincide with a fund-raising night at the Round House—including extracts from Soho Poly plays, readings from the novels, and other aspects of her work—and the award will be made on August 6, which commemorates her birthday and the dropping of the Hiroshima bomb.

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There is an inbuilt tendency for artistic awards to become institutionalized as their originating purpose subsides into committee work and today's open market becomes tomorrow's closed shop. But there is a good chance in this case that the door will be kept open. For one thing, the judges announced so far amount to a cross-section of the profession, including acting (Hoskins, Charlotte Cornwell), writing (Barrie Keeffe, Howard Brenton), publishing (Nick Hern) and women's theatre (Ann Mitchell) — all of them people who knew her very well and capable of making a shrewd guess at "Verity's taste."

The other hopeful point is that, the Hiroshima bomb.

accountancy and keeping track of his German royalties. In 1977 it happened that the Poly transferred seven plays to tele-vision, but that success changed nobody's life, and left the theatre free to continue in its chaser free to continue in its chosen course of fertile semi-obscurity. Bargate once commissioned a piece from Harrie Keeffe, saying she could only pay three actors but the theatre did have some corrugated iron. The result was Keeffe's Abide With Me trilogy, in which to the day I die I shall remember Karl Johnson as the impotently enraged Johnson as the impotently enraged Cup supporter leaping up, hammering, and beating his head on that iron wall. Subsequently, Abide With Me went on in Dusseldorf with levels that went up and down on hydraulic lifts on a budget of £30,000. Keeffe meanwhile was off writing Sus, another shoestring piece suitable for production in the Poly's lunchtime season.

Over the past 30 years, the

Over the past 30 years, the British theatre has killed almost as many writers as it has discovered, each one broken under the each one broken under the millstone of early success. Specialists in short plays, on the other hand, are prone to the discouragements of unrewarded obscurity. What the Bargate Award could do is to adjust the balance in their favour — offering a bit more money, a bit more public attention for writers who are doing and for writers who are doing good work today and will go on to do

ing (Nick Hern) and women's theatre (Ann Mitchell) — all of them people who knew her very well and capable of making a shrewd guess at "Verity's taste."

The other hopeful point is that, seven though the terms omit to say so, nothing larger than an hours length piece will qualify for the Poly's lunchtime season. A short play no less than a full-length plaving may be a masterpiece. But short plays never make anybody a fortune; they never turn into the sort of "property" that diverts the author from writing into creative strength plays never make anybody a sort of "property" that diverts the author from writing into creative strength plays never make anybody a sort of "property" that diverts the author from writing into creative strength plays never make anybody a sort of "property" that diverts the author from writing into creative strength plays never make anybody a sort of "property" that diverts the author from writing into creative strength plays never make anybody a sort of play no less than a full-length play never make anybody a sort of "property" that diverts the author from writing into creative strength plays never make anybody a sort of play no less than a full-length plays never make anybody a sort of play no less than a full-length plays never make anybody a sort of play no less than a full-length plays never make anybody a sort of play no less than a full-length plays never make anybody a sort of play no less than a full-length play no less than a full-length plays never make anybody a sort today and will go on to do work today and will go on to do any make to a chance of seeing Ben Hur in stereophonic circlerama with Charlton Heston dripping in giverine, or seeing Ben Hur in stereophonic circlerama with Charlton Heston dripping in giverine, or seeing Ben Hur in stereophonic circlerama with Charlton Heston dripping in giverine, or seeing Ben Hur in stereophonic circlerama with charles and sort of the wol



Leading ladies together in Paris

"A bird is running a theatre,

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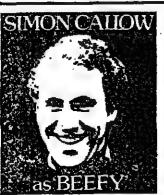
Semiramide/ Der Rosenkavalier

Théâtre des Champs Elysées, Paris

No sounds more beguiling are likely to come from the opera stage this year than those of Montserrat Caballe and Marilyn Horne interweaving their voices in Rossini. The two ladies are singing in Semiramide at the moment in the Theatre deschamps Elysées, where the Paris Opera is in temporary exile while alterations are made to its home theatre, and those who care about bel canto should beg or thieve a ticket to hear them.

The oddest element of a rare evening is that the two little heard together in Rossini. Caballe showed herself a remarkable interpreter of that composer's music back in her earliest recitals for RCA, yet at Covent Garden all too often she has been cast in dramatic parts which have not always shown her at her best — Aida, Leonora, Violetta. Horne is now approaching veteran status, although she never allows anyone to guess it: it is well over a quarter of a century since she dubbed Dorothy Dandridge's voice in

according to a set pattern of alfine in Babilonia" — Rossia display aria for coloratura ni's librettist Rossimorano and coloratura ni's librettist Rossimorano mezzo in each act coupled with a pair of lengthy duets to dispel the impression of any rivalry that might have been generated. No opera composer was more pro-



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The elysian duet of Montserrat Caballe (left) and Marilyn Horne in "Semiramide"; and Kiri Te Kanawa (above), a fine Marschallin in the making.

Dorothy Dandridge's voice in Carmen Jones. She has dug deep into the Rossim repertory, including Semiramide with Sutherland, yet it is Caballe who really strikes the sparks from her.

The sparks of competition are exactly what Rossini, and Semiramide in particular, requires. He wrote his opera according to a set pattern of a se ni's librettist Rossi might figures from Alice.

have traded in lofty sentiments but he used some fairly processing the sentiments of the fairly prosaic words. But in the theatre, with Caballe and

semuramuse and Arsace alone are excused such eccentricities, although both are topped with silvery wigs the texture of candylloss. The production consists mainly of cardyling approximate clocks. swishing enormous cloaks across the stage, either to express emotion or to indi-cate a change from aria to match of the two voices seems to have been made in some musical elysium. Bernard Lefort brought cabaletta. Pizzi's alibi is that Caballe and Horne together the libretto is an amalgam of the summer before last in all that detractors of operathe summer before last in Semiramide at Aix when he was still running the festival there. Since then Pier Luigi Pizzi's quirky production, which teeters on the edge of the ridiculous, has been on the move, to Genoa, to Turin (with Ricciarelli and Valentini-Terrani), to San Francisco (with Caballe and Horne, as at Aix) and now to Paris, a just stopping point since Lefort is Administrator of the Opera.

Pizzi, one of a growing and often untrustworthy breed of designer-producers, takes a fantastic view of Rossini's chosen libretto, loosely based

heard as soon as possible in the theatre in London, showed himself more than capable of sustaining Rossi-ni's florid line in the role of Idreno, the Indian prince whose involvement with the plot is minimal. Samuel Ramey, cadaverous of ap-pearance and sumptuous of voice as the triple-dyed villain Assur, proved once again that he is pushing himself into the front rank of bass-beritones. Fine contri-butions come from the conductor, Jesus Lopez-Cobos, and his double chorus centre and side stage.

After a house which rightly cheered every number in Semiramide Paris's Rosenkapalier looked distinctly dull. On paper it promised well. Kiri Te Kanawa chose the Opera for her first Marschallin and her motives were totally understandable. Paris has always appreciated her and that feeling has been reciprocated. By her side were Frederike von Stade, than whom there is no better wrote for the opera.

So much has to be endured today, and Kurt Moll, whose

vincing programme note writes that he has visualized the action of Rosenkavalier "dans un rève loin de la realité". The dream turns out to be little more than Vienna seen through a fog, a central European version of a Lon-don Particular, which reaches the culmination of idio-syncracy by setting the last act inside the gateway of a Heurigen. The idea of Ochs planning a seduction with a chill breeze blowing the autumn leaves around his feet bears little examination. Andrew Davis, whose re-sponse to opera is unpredictsponse to opera is unpredictable, opening new doors on one work and closing old and well-tried ones on another, conducted as if he had fallen out of love with Rosenkavaber or the Opera orchestra. Or maybe both. In the circumsus Miss Te Kenagar stances Miss Te Kanawa, already suffering from a cold, gave only a first draft of the fine Marschallin she

will interpret one day.

Semiramide plays tomorrow and Saturday and on December 7, 10 and 12; Rosenkavalier is on Friday and on December 8 and 11. John Higgins

The most horrible heroine of all?

Dreaming about Therese

Horne, it is the duets which

enrapture above all, the vocal

lines crisscrossing as in the most delicate filigree. The

Guildhall School

At the 1974 Edinburgh Festival I was much taken by the Swedish composer Larscomposer Johann Werle's Drömmen om Therese, an opera conceived for performance "in the round", without physical scenery and with the orchestra behind and surrounding the audience. I then rec-ommended it to any touring opera company here, optimistically as the recession

production because the leaving Therese free to marry drama involves close participation by the surrounding orchestra, and by instruments played on stage.

leaving Therese free to marry a rich suitor.

The orchestral playing, conducted by Peter Ford, was exemplary in neatness and enthusiasm but did not

turned out.

Seven years later it is the There is a blind fiddler, a make all the spatial effects opera class at the Guildhall mute stranger who communidately make all the spatial effects desirable (for example the

School of Music and Drama in the Barbican which has staged the British première.

Theatre in the round, for an audience, is more often than not merely a gimmick which may or may not make a play more interesting or enlightening. Dreaming about Therese, which treats a Zola short story to the flashback structural technique of Aldous Huxley's novel Eyeles in Gaza, events shown out of sequence, needs arenal production because the drawa involves close particiwas, rather to my surprise, a less vital experience than the Swedish production: opera students should find Therese

William Mann Such success. While hitting a

Concerts

Finding the missing link

Bournemouth Sinfonietta/ Montgomery

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Three symphonies from the third quarter of the eight-eenth century and two guitar concertos from 1939 made up Monday's concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta. Handelian basses; and when the missing link, unless it inches towards classicism

His Casa del Diavolo symphony is not one of his more hispanic pieces, except perhaps in the stylized gavotte that makes up its slow technician supreme, a kind of movement, a curiously wist-ful, minor-key piece full of delsohn whose command far interesting the realized. ful, minor-key piece full of delssoin whose command tar syncopations, textures and harmony but conspicuously short on themes; its finicky handling of detail has echoes in Rodrigo. After it comes a surprise, a finale which is a recomposition of Gluck's counterpoints every time and piece which we all know as lot. Sometimes the piece was not quite assured; but there was not quite assured; but the same not assured; but the light there was not quite assured; but the light there was not quite assured; but the same not assured; but the same not assured; but the same not assured; but the same no piece which we all know as lot. Sometimes the piece the "Dance of the Furies" in orphèe, here made a shade saying different things in the

more civilized, to its disadvantage. The Bournemouth players did it with due spirit, though the middle movement to, some long, some short, each with a dozen glosses. Never mind if the invention is slender; its working out is masterly. masterly.

They played another rarity and oddity, a symphony by Thomas Arne. It shows Arne The young guitarist Michael Conn played it with proper delicacy, relishing its lazy rhythms and dawdling baroque unisons and sturdy affectionately over them.
Handelian basses; and when the variety of accompanit halts the resultant for the variety of accompanit halts the resultant for the variety of accompanity that th Bournemouth Sinfonietta. The missing link, unless it was fortuitous, was provided by Boccherini, that emigre Italiam (like Castelnuovo-Tedesco) who was seduced by the colours and the rhythms of Spain (like Rodrigo).

His Casa del Diavolo symphony is not one of his more in the Adagio with its wailing English horn and oboe and indeed guitar. He had trouble with slipping strings, and his shaping of the big cadenza was not quite assured; but

agreeably cheerful.

Stanley Sadie

RPO/Temirkanov

Festival Hall

For the second night running Berlioz was the main focus of musical attention at the Festival Hall on Monday, when the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra included the Sym-Festival Hall on Monday, when the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra included the Symphonic Fantastique as the second part of their programme. It was the first of three concerts they are giving this week with Yuri Temirkanov, who directs the Kirov Opera in Leningrad and also holds the title of the RPO's principal guest conducting of Berlioz relied ductor, and whose approach to Berlioz was decidedly equivocal.

There are those who pre
from Mr Temirkanov's perhouse movement. Between these works came Mozart's G major Piano Concerto (K 453) with a welcome lightness of spirit in tracting kind of technique, one that often gets between the overall ensemble but something less than rewarding delight in the undercharacterized playing of Christian Zacharias.

The pianist began gracefully enough, with nimble passage-work and keen rhythmic articulation, choosing the first of the two cadenzas Mozart provided in

suggest the fevered states of cor anglais).

must take a special kind of had been anticipated at the talent to make it sound start of the programme by a pedestrian, even dull in voyage to The Hebrides, in places, yet, for all his the form of Mendelssohn's places, yet, for all his the form of Mendelssohn's attention to the face value of overture, which made suthe notes (and the empty heavy weather of the excurbars) written into the score, this was the impression I had from Mr Temirkanov's per-

equivocal.

There are those who present this symphony as a colour (though there were collage of romantic impressions, others who seek to from principal clarinet and

a disordered mind, and some The ponderous course of who try to combine both. It the symphony's performance

Rock

Shakin' Stevens

Odeon, Hammersmith

As a kit of parts — raven

Commercially acceptable vein, Stuart Colman's clever production of Stevens's current recordings has extracted all the bite and threat which have Edmunds in a similar

As a kit of parts — raven Dave Edmunds, in a similar

As a kit of parts — raven rinse, glottal gulp, rotating capacity, drew from the hips, pink blouson — making capacity, drew from the singer in the version of up a rockabilly Action Man, "Train Kept A-Rollin'" which Shakin' Stevens would have passed muster alongside Ral spectacularly intense British Donner, Jet Powers, Conway Twitty and the other second dibitions. Preclars who poors.

becomes a teddy-bear for the Stevens appears to have been pre-teens, a sex symbol for cured of the restricted vision young mums and a kitsch which once made him con-

joke to those in between.

which once made him con-

Richard Williams

vincing and even interesting.

sion that the music acquired the weightiness of a Beethoven symphonic movement.

passage-work and keen rhythmic articulation, choosing the first of the two cadenzas Mozart provided in this and the following slow movement to agreeable purpose. Yet the performance had no wider vision of the harmonic skill behind the musical invention, and I was sorry the cheerful variations sorry the cheerful variations of the finale were despatched with cool efficiency rather than the warm affection that

Noël Goodwin

13 Mermaid Theatre TOM BAKER Twitty and the other second division Presleys who populated the late Fifties. Unlike most revivalists, he is not a show, a curiously tame affair refugee from more recent in which Stevens presented fashions, and his long-term all his hits ("Green Door", "This Old House" and so on), and easy confidence within the TREASURE ISLAND an easy confidence within the idiom. Ten years ago, when he was rather closer to the right age for the job, Stevens enlivened the early rock and shows with an easy confidence within the manner combining the young presley's provocative convulsions with the more styllized choreography of West side Story, and showed signs and shows with an easy confidence within the manner combining the young presley's provocative convulsions with the more styllized choreography of West side Story, and showed signs are in his voice. The THE CLASSIC ADVENTURE COMMENCING DEC.15th BOOK NOW 101-236 S56 enlivened the early rock and roll revival shows with an intense, aurhentic delivery of the classic repertoire; he seemed to be a Welsh country boy who had never heard the Beatles. Years of obscurity were ended when Jack Good cast him in Elvis, and over the past year a clever campaign has elevated him to that species of pop stardom in which the subject becomes a teddy-bear for the street of the road to Top of the Pops, Stevens appears to have been



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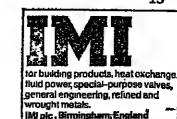
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EEC to agree on basis for energy pricing

An agreement on energy pricing principles to be followed throughout the European Community will be formally endorsed at a Council

formally endorsed at a Council of Ministers meeting tomorrow, Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary of State for Energy, told the House of Lords committee on the EEC yesterday.

The agreement is the result of a United Kingdom initiative, one of the few brought to fruition during the current period of the British presidency.

"The Government is determined that our industry should not be at a competitive disadvantage in the EEC," he said.

advantage in the EEC," he said.

"The agreement will declare that energy prices must not be kept at artificially low levels and that users should have adequate access to information. on prices and on the methods by which both prices and tariffs are determined. "It is important that the

Community's pricing principles are fully observed so that energy investment decisious are not distorted by hidden subsidies," he said.

Lord Kearton, a member of the committee and also a part-time member of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, commented on the Authority, commented on the fact that France, with cheap hydro-electricity as well as nuclear power, was able to offer prices which benefited Freuch industry. "We have cheap oil and gas, but we have taken the deliberate decision." to price at top world levels," he said. "Is that not maso-chistic from the point of view

of British industry?"

Mr Lawson replied that oil and gas prices were not out of line with those in Europe. The main problem was the price of electricity to heavy industrial users where the link was with the cost of generation and the price of coal. "We would do hetter to devote our attention to ways in which we can try to bring down, in real-terms, the cost of coal," he said.

There was still a greater the the decrease of heavier users.

The chairman of Central's board is Sir Gordon Hobday, the retiring chairman of Boots. the cost of generation and the price of coal. "We would do

present pattern of supplies, the United Kingdom was to a large extent dependent on imports of gas from Norway. "We are not in a position at the present time to be the 'Lady Bountiful' to Europe in the gas field," Mr Lawson added.

field," Mr Lawson added.

Mr Lawson's soothing words on achieving a measure of agreement on energy pricing practices in Europe will do little to mollify the campaign which bulk users of electricity—particulerly the energy-intensive industries of steel, chemicals and paper and board—have, waged for almost two years. (Peter Hill writes).

Continuing wide discrepancies in prices for electricity supplied to bulk users in Britain compared with their European, counterparts were highlighted in the recent report of the National Economic

of the National Economic Development Council's energy

Joint findings made in the main body of that report by the Electricity Council and the Chemical Industries Association showed that French tariff prices were as much as 28 per cent lower; in West Germany, up to 16 per cent lower; and up to 41 per cent lower in

The Electricity Council, together with area electricity, boards and the Central Electboards and the Central Electricity Generating Board were asked several months ago by the former energy secretary, Mr David Howell to carry out a review of the bulk supply tariff—effectively the wholesale price at which the CEGB sells account to the tree boards That review is almost com-plete and is due to be sub-mitted to the Department of Energy soon. Bulk supply is the

US Steel delays dumping move

From Bailey Morris, Washington, Dec 1

US Steel has bowed to White American exports," a senior as those anticipated by US liouse pressure and agreed to White House official said. Steel will force it to abandon delay its planned filing of anti-

ings between United States and European Communica

and European Community officials who are attempting to

reach a diplomatic solution Private meetings have been

held on both sides of the Atlantic between government officials and heads of steel companies in what is described here as "a jawboning tactic to

cool the current crisis", a White House official said.

What the Reagan Adminis-tration fears most is the possi-bility that the filling of a large

dumping cases against foreign wants US Steel to wait until steelmakers until after a the effects of recent Washing-high-level meeting between ton actions to cut the flood of President Reagan and Mr low-cost steel imports can be

pany.

At the meeting, tentatively planned for Friday, Mr Reagan will attempt to persuade Mr Roderick to abandon, at least for the next three months, his announced plans to file trade

David Roderick, chairman of fully assesse

announced plans to file trade actions against steelmakers in

Mr Reagan and his top trade advisers, including Mr Malcolm

Baldrige, commerce secretary, and Mr William Brock,

United States trade representa-

tive, fear the filing of another round of cases against foreign

producers could trigger a trade

abroad that this broader action by US Steel will result in prompt retaliation against

FT Index 530.8 down 7.0

FT Gilts 64.06 down 0.67

\$ 1.9475, down 75 points Index 91.8 unchanged

New York: \$1.9495

Index 105.7 up 0.8

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New York: \$406.75

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PRICE CHANGES

Atkins Bros Sp to S8p
Chesterfield Sp to 360p
Churchbury Est 5p to 660p
Davies & Newmn 5p to 75p
Dixon David 6p to 108p
French T. 5p to 100p
Hanson Trust 7p to 286p
Hargreaves 7p to 42p
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Hongkong
Ldn & Prov Shop &p to 475p
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Lovell Hldgs 5p to 240p
MFPC 10p to 250p
Ranger Oil 5p to 480p
Vosper 5p to 130p
Varrow 5p to 270p

DM 2,2212 up 75 pts

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We've had indications from

Central TV in £25m float by Warburg

Central Independent Television, the new company covering the dual franchise area of East and West Midlands, is being floated off by merchant bank S. G. Warburg in an operation which will bive the company a market capital of £25m, according to the prospectus published today.

The public is being offered the opportunity of subscribing for 49 per cent of the voting and non-voting shares of the capital of Central. The remaining 51 per cent of each class of stock will be owned by Lord Grade's Associated Com-Central Independent Tele-

Lord Grade's Associated Communications Corporation.

This arrangement is in line with the requirement is in line with the requirements of the Independent Broadcasting Authority at the time of the bidding for the new franchise for the area. The prospectus makes it plain that the five conditions laid down by the IBA have been met.

IBA have been met.

Apart from the share split between ACC and the public, the others include allowing preference for applications from those actually resident in the area, specifications about membership of the board, a stipulation on the separation of the roles of chairman and chief executive, and the creation of two regional boards.

Central will start trading on January 1. It will have a share capital of one million voting ordinary shares of 50p each and 24 million non-voting ordinary shares of 50p each. The issue price of both class of shares will be £1 per share.

Applications have to be in Applications have to be in

units comprising one voting share and 24 non-voting with a minimum of 10 units or £250. The prospectus suggests that Central will be fairly well distanced from ACC and Lord Grade. Only two of ACCs nonexecutive directors, Mr Ellis Birk and Sir Leo Pliatsky, will be on the Central board and then only in a non-executive capacity. In addition ACC will

used to control the flow of steel imports. Mr Baldrige has said his

department has neither staff

nor resources to run the pro-

gramme if many cases are filed.

The group plans to meet key

Congressmen tomorrow before announcing action which is

expected to be supported by the United Steelworkers Union. Mr Lloyd McBridge, head of

Washington for labour meetings at the White House. He has become increasingly vocal about the loss of jobs resulting

from steel imports which rose 7.1 per cent from September



Mr George Allan : Cautionary Christmas message

Be like Scrooge is CBI message for Christmas

Britain's businessmen have been urged to follow the example of Dickens' Ebeneezer Scrooge and be particularly mean this Christmas.

Unscrupulous foreign-based organizations have traditionally used the season of goodwill to siphon off tens of thousands of pounds from unwary British companies by mailing them services which they have

never received or ordered.

Mr George Allan, a legal adviser at the Confederation of British Industry, says that each Christmas heralds a wave of phoney invoices from companies to this company and American speciality steel-makers has indicated that it too may file complaints against foreign producers.

pronty invoices from com-panies in this country and abroad who, he says, make a fac profit from the gullibility of United Kingdom business-Meanwhile, a group of American speciality steel-makers has indicated that it

In Christmases past, it was the purveyors of bogus trade directories that creamed large profits in the United Kingdom. The Unsolicited Goods and Services Acts of the 1970s have helped considerably to clamp down on their acti-

In the latest issue of the CBFs monthly newsletter, Mr Allan emphasizes that real care has to be taken with foreign companies who claim to be producing telex direcHe has identified two regu-lar despatches of invoices— one based in Cologne and the other in Barcelona.

"These two organizations send large numbers of forms to United Kingdom firms about twice every year. One wave arrives in June and July (when with a bit of luck the key staff are on holiday) and the other in November and December, when business is brisk and large numbers of invoices have to be dealt with", he said.

Mr Allan claims that com-panies which fail to check thoroughly innocent looking "confirmations" of their "editorial entries" can find themselves paying out up to £1,000. The invoices sent by these companies contravene United Kingdom law but because they are outside the United Kingdom little can be done to stop

Companies are being warned by Mr Allan to check carefully all suspicious invoices, to make sure that only one member of their staff is able to authorize directory entries, to consult their trade associations or the CBI, and contact the police immediately there is any sus-picion that a United Kingdom based company is involved.

Trafalgar House to sell **Express Newspapers**

The Daily Express and its associated titles is up for sale. Lord Matthews, chief executive of Trafalgar House and chairman of Express Newspapers told print union leaders yesterday that the titles he bought three years ago will be sold as soon as a buyer can be found.

Trafalgar House Investments

Trafalgar House Investments, of which he is chairman, has become "disenchanted" with become "disenchanted" with the indifferent financial opera-tion at Express Newspapers, ton at Express Newspapers, which was taken over from the Beaverbrook Group for £15m in 1977.

However, there is no early prospect of the closure of the Daily Express, nor its sister Sunday Express, nor the Daily

Star, despite heavy losses being

Star, despite heavy losses being incurred by the group.

In the wake of top-level managerial disputes which last week prompted the dismissal of Mr Jocelyn Stevens, the Express managing director, the company is discussing a change in its title to Fleet Newspapers. This would comprise the Daily and Sunday Express, the Daily Star and the Morgan, Grampian publishing group, purchased three years ago at a cost of £23m.



Matthews: Express

In talks with the print union SOGAT last night, Lord Matthews proposed a reconstruction of his publishing enterprises that would involve issuing "free" shares to Trafalgar House shareholders in Fleet Newspapers. This initiative was sanctioned by the provisions of the 1981 Finance Act that earleir this year permitted compagies to make titles for sale. mitted companies to make changes of this sort to give

Trafalgar House, it is argued, will continue to provide loan stock which could then be converted into shares if a take-over bid is finalized, and this would give existing proprietors the final say in takeover and marger peopletions. merger negotiations.

There are still strong suggestions that Associated Newspapers, publishers of the Daily Mail, wants to link up with the Express group to publish one daily paper, with policies sympathetic to the present Government.

Mr Stevens was dismissed from the Express group management last week as the search for a new identity came to a head. His plan for a takeover of the newspaper, by a consortium headed by himself and using staff pension funds and cash available within the print unions, came to nothing. In the nervous atmosphere surviving the boardroom coup at Epress Newspapers, the print unions are unwilling to venture what comes next. But they take some comfort from compan-statements that all titles will be kept in being. They are asking the company to put this publi-cation piedge into writing.

Tin market causing concern

By Michael Prest

Economics Correspondent Concern is mounting at the reluctance of the London Metal Exchange authorities to intervene in a disorderly tin mar-ker. Most traders are advising

clients to keep out. Persistent buying of spot tin yesterday pushed up the cash price by £35 to £8,390 a tonne. But a £272.50 increase in the three-mouths price cut the backwardation—the reverse of the normal premium of forward over cash prices—to £180.

It has been pointed out that no corner has been made in tin, even though the buyers have obtained an estimated 80 per cent of the LME's record stocks of 18,700 tonnes since

Some traders are advocating cutting the size of the tin contract, currently five tonnes, or even closing the market. So far nobody has publicly presentations ted proposals to the LME com-

LME brokers closely associated LME brokers closely associated with the heavy buying. Market sources say that they have acted for Marc Rich, a private metal trading company incorporated in Switzerland but with offices in New York.

Marc Rich have been tin marketing agents for the Malaysian Government.

Nexos joint venture will create new jobs

and Nexos, the word processing subsidiary of the British Tech-nology Group, is expected to create several hundred new jobs over the next few years.
The Government is likely to
approve the deal soon. The integrated business is

expected to be called Nexos Gestetner, although final decisions have yet to be taken. The venture represents the core of a new move by Gesterner into modern office systems.

Detailed plans are still confidential but they involve a forecast of a seven-fold increase in production and sales of Nexos word processors. Gesterner confidently expects

a rapid expansion in overseas sales and a build-up of home orders through a new office systems company which will link an enlarged and reorganized production centre at Swin-don, to world-wide marketing operations.

Corporation to form BTG. Under the terms of the deal expected to retain an equity interest in the new company of between 25 and 30 per cent.

The joint venture planned Government to dispose of its between Gesterner Holdings holdings to private sector holdings to private sector interests when commercially practicable and Mr Norman Tebbit, former Industry Minister, is believed to have

shown a keen interest in securing a disposal of the group's interest in Nexos before the end of this year.

About half of the £35m funding allocated by the NE3 to the Nexos project has been drawn down. The commany drawn down. The company recorded a £4m loss in the first half of this year.

Those involved in the dis-

cussions believe that the venture will produce long-term benefits for both Gestetner and for the taxpayer since through the BTG equity stake the tax-payer will retain a share in the expected growth of the busi-

The deal will supplement Gesterner's own technology and, assuming the market prodic-tions are met, exports could provide a useful balance to the growing flood of imported word

BTG owns 90 per cent of Nexos through the National Enterprise Board which earlier this year was merged with the National Research Development Corporation to form BTG.

Linder the terms of the deal in clarification on whether ing clarification on whether now being negotiated, BTG is the present legislation which expected to retain an equity established the NRDC and the NEB will permit the prepara-tion of a consolidated balance The BTG is required by the sheet for the two organizations.

Consolidated profit and loss account

for half-year to 30 September 1981 (unaudited)

	Half-year to 30.9.1981 £000	to 30.9.1980	Year to 31.3.1981 £000
Trading profit of operating su Income from investments Associated companies Other investments	4,280 5,363	3,196 6,352	13,615 6.680 10,994
Retained profits less losses of a Surplus on realization of invest Interest receivable	9,643 9,238 9,301 3,323	9,548 7,868 7,011 3,165	17,674 15,416 8,037 9,005
Deduct: Administration and technical of Prospecting expenditure (includenterest payable)	ding recoveries) 486 3,342	36,474 2,539 (28) 2,692	63,747 4,551 531 5,874
Profit before taxation Taxation	6,277 34,064 10,435	31,271 10,612	10,956 52,791 18,721
Profit after taxation Deduct: Minority interest	23,629	20,659 1,288	34,070 1,476
Profit attributable to Charter	22,222	19,371	32,594
Earnings per share	21.15p	18.45p	31.05p
Interim dividend of 3.75p per s (previous year – 3.4p)	3,940	3,569	

Note: The results of Alexander Shand (Holdings) Limited from the effective date of acquisition to 30 June 1981 have

Interim dividend

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 3.75p per share payable on or about

been consolidated in Charter's accounts to 30 September 1981.

7 January 1982 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 11 December 1981 and topersons presenting coupon no. 34 detached from share warrants to bearer. The dividend will carry a tax credit of 1.60714p per share.

1 December 1981

 by order of the board D.S.BOOTH

Refinery plan for Eire

A £300m oil refinery is plan-ned at Tarbert, in County Kerry, with a capacity of 150,000 barrels a day. The plan contrasts with closures and cut-backs elsewhere in Europe.

A planning application was lodged by Aran Energy, an Irish company, yesterday. The refinery would create an average of 2,000 jobs each year between 1983 and 1986, according to the company, and would ultimately applied to the company. mately employ about 400.

It would be built beside the Irish Electricity Supply Board's oil-fired power station at Tar-bert and across the Shannon from the board's coal/oil-fired station being built at Money-

Ireland imports more than 60 per cent of its refined products

Sir Y K Pao's merger in doubt

Doubt has been cast over plans to merge Sir Y. K. Pao's Hongkong property and shipping interests, after the magnate said he no longer supports the reverse takeover proposals which would make World International, the public vehicle for his shipping empire, a wholly-owned sub-sidiary of Hongkone and Kowloon Wharf and Godown. the predominantly property group wrested from Jardine,

Matheson this year. The proposals were to have been put to shareholders today, but the decision has been put off until next month after the intervention of Mr made to British companies from Robert Fell, the Hongkong the European Investment Bank Government's Commissioner for Securities, and Jardine Fleming, financial advisers to minority Wharf shareholders.

BUSINESS BRIEFING Private phones legalized

tration fears most is the possi-bility that the filling of a large for 22 per cent of the total number of private cases such market here.

British Telecom is allowing established for four models of telephone to go and that is not like on sale in private shops immed before next summ iately. They will be the first that legally can be sold and attached to the telephone net-

work.
The four—GEC's Contempra,
STC's Deltaphone deluxe,
Plessey's Mickey Mouse and
Thorn-Ericsson's Astrofon—are already offered for rental by Telecom so they do not need technical approval. In the new year British Telecom will start selling telephones itself from

Hanson profit

boosted 27 pc

US banks trim

A big increase in American carnings helped Hanson Trust to report yesterday a 27 per cent increase in annual pre-tax profits to £49.7m. The group is presently engaged with Thomas Tilling in a takeover battle for Berec, manufacturer of Ever Ready batteries.

Group sales were 25 per cent higher at £855.9m. The final dividend is being raised to 8.21p gross, making 14.29p gross for the year, against 1214p. Hanson also announced a 1-for-1 scrip issue. Financial Editor, page 17

vernment's Commissioner and the European Coal and bolders for £27m.

Securities, and Jardine Steel Community by the development programing, financial advisers to Government is to be maintained for a further two years, subject for a £400m borrowing limit.

Ministers and officials at the Department of Industry are growing imparient about what they see as Telecom's attempt to delay the dismantling of its monopoly. They say that if the pressure from manufacturers and retailers is heavy enough, Telecom will soon be forced to allow private competitors to spouly other, more glamorous whopeshops in department supply other, more glamorous stores.

Until an independent approvals process has been and Gfeller's Eiger.

and that is not likely to happen before next summer—Telecom

will be responsible for approv-ing its competitors' instru-

Ministers and officials at the

fall in rates Expectations of further big

falls in American interest rates received a setback yesterday after disappointing money supply figures boosted the dollar on the world's financial markets. Short-term interest rates rose and most leading banks cut their prime lending rates by only a quarter point to 15.75 per cent instead of following Crocker National and Continental Himois down to

15.5 per cent. The dollar closed in London up 75 points against the mark at DM 2.2212 and the pound closed 75 points down

☐ Great Portland Estates, the

property group beaded by Mr Basil Samuel, is asking share-holders for £27m to pay for a development programme. The shares fell 6p to 184p on news Financial editor, page 17 rival company.

Allied beer profits rise Allied-Lyons, the brewers,

Allied-Lyons, the brewers, yesterday announced a 30 percent rise in premx profits to £65.5m in the six months to September. The group's three divisions—beer, food and wines, spirits and soft drinks—each recorded profit advances with profits from beer rising to £34.7m against £32.5m, despite the national decline in beer volume and the closure of

despite the national decline in beer volume and the closure of the group's brewery, Ansells, in Birmingham.

On the food side, J. Lyons increased profits by 34 per cent to £16.5m with nearly half its earnings coming from the United States. Wines, spirits and soft drinks profits rose 31 per cent to £22.4m.

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TODAY

Mr Robert Atkinson, chairman of British Shipbuilders, gives evidence to the short in quiry into the corporation by the Commons Select Committee on Industry and Trade. United Kingdom official reserves (November) ; Capital issues and re demptions (November); and advance energy statistics (October). International Air Traffic Association conference on North Atlantic fares, Geneva. Company results: Ferranti, Phoenix Timber Pilkington Brothers and Matthew Hall.

Over and out

Cables West Coast, a sub-idiary of Cable and Wireless. has been ordered to leave Bolivia after 30 years by the three-month-old military gov-ernment, confirming a decision of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, All telecommunications will now go through Cables' State-owned

Textile chiefs in plea over imports

By Our Industrial Staff

Government attacked yesterday for failing to persuade the European Community to adopt sufficiently firm import controls to save the British textile and clothing industry.

A week before the EEC Council of Ministers meets to decide on terms for renewal of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement, Mr Russell Smith, president of the British Textile Confederation, said:
"The Community's position "The Community's position at present falls far short of the Government's declared eim of a tough and effective successor to MFA.

"It is therefore essential that, before the Council of Ministers meets, the Govern-ment should review its own policy and tactics and should resolve to fight for a tough-ening of the Community's mandate."

He said it should concentrate on reducing import quotas to 1980 levels and bringing rates of growth down to an average of 1 per cent a year.

"Any failure by the Government to press the need for a toughening of the EEC approach in these critical areas...will have very serious consequences for the British industry, for the British economy and for regions of the United Kingdom already suffering high levels of unemployment", he said.

Mr Peter Rees, Minister of State for Trade, was pre-sented with similar argusented with similar arguments yesterday at a meeting with the British Textile Employers' Association, whose president, Mr Harry Leach, expressed his disappointment at the Government for settling for 1982 quota

Mr Norman Sussman, of the British Clothing In-dustries Association, went further, saying: "If this line is maintained the industry will see it as nothing less than a sell-out."

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Shipbuilders set to beat £700m orders this year

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor

British Shipbuilders is expected to exceed £700m worth of new orders this

The corporation announced yesterday that it had won two more export orders, together worth £28m, boosting the value of contracts to £689m with more expected before the end of the month. The latest orders coincide with announcements by two

other public sector concerns of new contracts worth £40m. The British Steel Corporation's Tubes division is to supply £10m worth of steel linepipe to link Shell Exploration and Production's natural gas liquids plants at St Fergus, Aberdeenshire, and Mossmorran, Fife.

Altogether, BSC is to corporation has won orders supply 142 miles of 20-inch for two semi-submersible diameter pipeline from its drilling rigs, worth £139m, Hardepool pipe mill. The line and warships, worth almost will take gas liquids from the gas separation plant at St. The Austrian electronics Fergus to the fractionation plant at Mossmorran.

generating sets, to be built at Anstey, near Coventry, are powered by Olympus turbojet aircraft engines and are able to produce 280,000 kilowatts of electricity.

The shipbuilding orders were announced on the eve of Mr Robert Atkinson, the British Shipbuilders chairman, appearing before a Parliamentary Select Committee today. They are for two bulk carriers — one of 35,000 tonnes deadweight, the other of 31,000 tonnes dead. other of 31,000 tonnes dead-weight — to be built at Sunderland Shipbuilders for

Panamanian-based owners. The orders bring the total value of merchant ship orders won by British Shipbuilders this year to almost £380m. In addition, the

Rolls-Royce, the State-producing Racal military controlled aero engine manu-vehicle radios for the Ausfacturer, is to supply "mini" trian forces. The contract power stations worth £30m to value of around £23m will be the Middle East. The electric shared by the two companies.

Howe outlines aid plan

By Drew Johnston

Expansion of the small The Chancellor repeated business sector will only the Government's plan to test come about if more would-be the effectiveness of an enterent entrepreneurs and their adprise allowance which would visers understood what help be paid in place of unemploy- end of the year, union leaders the Government has made ment benefit to people set-available to them, Sir Geof-frey Howe, the Chancellor, told a Business Opportunities conference in Durham yes— unemployed people are de-terred from using reduc-

terday.
This consisted of a number of schemes, including the loan guarantee scheme which loan guarantee scheme which they lose their entidement to made it easier for small firms unemployment benefit at a to find capital, tax changes and steps to ease the adminislittle else to live on", Sir trative burden.

unemployed people are de-terred from using redun-dancy money to set them-selves up in business because

Reagan in policy talks with **US** unions

By Rupert Morris

President Reagan is attempting to repair his badly-damaged links with organized labour this week through a series of briefings at the White House for the heads of

white House for the heads of nearly 50 trade unions.

The meetings, complete with cabinet-level luminaries and full press coverage, were scheduled hastily late last month after the powerful AFL-CIO, America's largest trade union, broke with tradition and failed to invite Mr Reagan to address its Mr Reagan to address its annual conference. Since then, Mr Lane Kirk-land, head of the AFL-CIO,

land, head of the AFL-CIO, has made numerous statements accusing Mr Reagan of adopting policies designed to aid the rich at the expense of the working class.

His openly hostile remarks about the president have gained Mr Kirkland considerable publicity in recent weeks, prompting the White House to issue invitations to labour leaders for the meetings.

Most important of the meetings will be tomorrow when Mr Reagan is to confer with the AFL-CIO's powerful executive council, comprised of the presidents of 33 major

of the presidents of 33 major unions.

Labour leaders are expected to confront the president with statements made by Mr David Stockman that the Mr Reagan's policies are really designed to help the rich, who will in turn make investments that will eventually aid the noor.

end of the year, union leaders want some sign from Mr Reagan that he also intends to help working people.

But labour is unlikely to be receptive to Mr Reagan's overtures in the opinion of trade union officials, who note that five heads of important trade unions chose to boycott the White House to boycott the White House meetings to protest at Mr pretax losses for the half Reagan's policies.

AA says Europe less efficient

Carmakers 'waste energy'

By Derek Harris

plant use.

sumption, he said.

800 jobs to go at Rockware

By Our Industrial Editor

loss of about £1.5m this year:
Plessey, the electronics
group is to shut its plant at
Bathgate near Edinburgh
with the loss of 330 jobs. Last
month British Leyland announced that it was to make
1,400 workers at its Bathgate
plant redundant as part of an
overall job-shedding exercise
throughout its truck and bus
division.

Inefficient energy use by some West European car manufacturers compared with those in Japan could help explain their apparent lack of competitiveness, it was suggested yesterday at a London conference on manufacturing trends in the

Many European manufac-Many European manufac-turers waste energy at several critical stages of manufacture. Mr Marcus Jacobson, chief engineer of the Automobile Association said. He told the conference, organized by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, that up to a third extra energy was wasted in many European plants which had European plants which had been built or refurbished in. the past two decades.

More than half the production cost of a European car was accounted for by materials and about 30 per cent by manufacturing. Japanese cars required between 20 per cent and 30 per cent less energy in manufacturing. Because of that many old established

that many old established Big changes in component European manufacturers supply were forecast by Mr both of cars and components Brian Knibb, European autofaced a difficult future be motive group manager at A T

Scotland and the North

West of England are to lose

Rockware Glass, a subsidiary of the Rockware Group, is to close its St Helens plant at the end of February with the loss of 800 jobs.

Rockware, the United Kingdom's largest volume producer of glass containers has been hit by the shrinking

market, Mr James Craigie, company chairman, said. The market has dropped by 16 per

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cause of the likely rises in Kearney. Two-thirds of the the cost of energy. Europe went on components from outside suppliers. He forecast that international sourcing of components by European makers would rise "A radical reasse energy utilization during all phases of production is urgently called for", Mr

Jacobson said.

There was little point in modernization and introducfrom 10 per cent to about 25 per cent. tion of new technology, such as robotics, unless manning levels were also tackled, he added. British plants tended There would be a reduction of a third in the number of suppliers serving the European industry, he suggested.

Advances in the use of various plastics in car manuto sprawl, were widely dis-persed and were being oper-ated at uneconomic levels of facture were described in a facture were described in a number of papers at the conference, including new moulding systems for glass fibre-reinforced plastics. These not only gave design flexibility, high strengh compared with metals and much lighter weight than metals, but had competative tooling costs and moderate There was scope in north American as well as United Kingdom factories to reduce heat losses and energy con-But Mr Cedric Emery,

manager of production and plant engineering at BL's Land-Rover factory at Soli-hull, near Birmingham, claimed that at Solihull Landtooling costs and moderate finishing costs. Prototype front and rear doors at Peugeot in plastics showed 37 per cent weight savings on traditional metal construction and on a Ford light truck tailgate the weight saving was 27 per per plastics are also being Royer now had a facility which would be in use into the next decade. This plant was as advanced as any in the world for engine production. cent. Plastics are also being developed to cope with ve-hicle parts under high stress.

are continuing.

On a brighter note, 750

workers employed by the Oxley Printing Group which went into Receivership in August with debts of £10m, learned that their jobs had been saved.

Mr Ian McIsaac, the re

Thomson Holidays, Bri-

With computerization high

and can input immediate

A strength of the direct-

sell operators, which cut out the high street agents and their commission, is that

Street agents. (150)
Directly sold; holidays al-

ready account for nearly 10 per cent of stall package

per cent of said package holiday sales. It remains to be seen how many agents will be able to afford computerization at a time when they are under

great financial pressure. The cheapest computerization system costs just under £400 a year in rental charges.

At the beginning of last former Labour MP, Mr year, 400 jobs were axed at St Woodrow Wyatt were given Helens which has been losing notice yesterday as a result money for several years. The of a dispute between the plant is expected to record a company and the National loss of about £1.5m this year:

Graphical Association. Talks

division. ceiver disclosed that the jobs In Oxfordshire, the 200 had been saved following the workers employed at W W sale of subsidiary companies Offset, a company run by and management buy-outs.

Travel agents wait

for computer link

By Our Commercial Editor

Up to 15 package holiday, Thomson Holidays, Bri-operators are likely to be tain's largest tour operator, offering computerized infor-and Thomas Cook Holidays mation and booking facilities have already announced ex-to high street travel agents tensive network plans. Thom-

within 18 months. Well over son is forecasting a computer 2,000 agents are expected to be linked with computer agents by the middle of next systems within six months.

It could be a lifeline for the travel agents by the middle of next year, accounting for 80 per cent of its overall business.

With computerization high

travel agents, hit by increasing competition from computer agents can offer custor-equipped, direct-sell bolidays are available

bookings.

energy, has a vigorous stock-piling policy in case of emergencies.

The Government's present stocks, held in 35 idle tankers, total 63 million hurrels of 16 days' barrels, or 16 days' demand while privately held stocks amount to 110 days' demand. The corporation plans to spend 40 per cent of its botrowings on building storage bases.

New funds raised

IN BRIEF

Japan plans

Japan's semi-official
National Oil Corporation said
yesterday it has proposed that
the Government should borrow the equivalent of \$11,000m
(£5,650m) from Japanese
banks over the next seven
years to treble the State's oil
stockpile.

Japan which depends

Japan, which depends almost entirely on imported

to trade

oil stocks

□ New funds raised on international capital markets in November increased 29 per cent to \$15,114m (about £7,763m) from \$11,674m in October,

Kenya dam opens

Renya dam opens

The new Masinga Dam, holding back the waters of the Upper Tana river in Kenya to create East Africa's biggest man-made lake, 30 miles long, is to be opened today. Britain has contributed more than £8m to the £55m cost of the project. Mr Reginald Eyre, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, who is leading a British mission to Kenya, will attend the ceremony.

US vehicle output

1) The United States can industry will remain de-pressed in early 1932, but sales of new cars and trucks could increase substantially later if the economy grows and interest rates continue to decline, Mr Donald E. Peter-son, president of Ford Motor Company, said yesterday in Detroit.

Refinery fire

☐ Angola's only oil refinery, damaged by fire on Monday, will be out of operation for two months, a spokesman for Petrofina said. Angola has accused South Africa of sending a sabotage squad of white mercenaries to destroy the refinery. the refinery.

Premier Zhao Zivang said China planned to increase its economic growth rate to 4 per cent in 1982 from an estimated 3 per cent this

China growth plan

Tokyo trade deficit ☐ Japan's customs-cleared trade turned into a \$1,080m (£553m) deficit in the first 20 days of November from a \$1,170m surples in the corresponding period of October and compared with \$512m deficit a year earlier, the Finance Ministry said.

Japan's customs-cleared trade in the first 10 days of November produced a deficit of \$382m against a \$995m surplus in the same October period.

Sale of hides

they are fully computerized.
Customers usually book by a single telephone call and the holiday prices are about 8 per cent cheaper than comparable ones sold through high street agents. ☐ M Pierre Dreyfus the French Industry Minister, and executives of the French footwear industry have signed a three-point plan to smooth out irregularities in the market for hides.

Business failures

The number of bankthe number of oank-reptcies in Belgium fell sharply in November. Busi-ness failures last month dropped 23 per cent to 339 from a record 441 in October.

Tariff cuts review

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Boston Trust & Savings, the United Kingdom consumer bank with nearly £9,000m of credit subsidiary of First assets, entered the United National Bank of Boston, is kingdom consumer credit speeding up its expansion by opening five new Boston the agreement with Debenders with personal Bank of Boston and will bring the number of Moneyshops to 25. First National Bank of the substance of the speeding up its expansion by opening five new Boston the agreement with Debenders are in Dundee, Stockton-on-trees, Blackburn, Walsall and Plymouth and will bring the number of Moneyshops to 25. First National Bank of the successful trade frictions with the tomers can cash cheques free.

I Mr Zenko Suzui, Japanese Prime Minister said today he has ordered his new Cabinet to examine the possibility of speeding up implementation of a 1979 agreement on tariff cuts. The easing of import fees and duties, originally set for 1984, could be advanced by two years to ease Japan's trade frictions with the United the United to examine the possibility of speeding up implementation of a 1979 agreement on tariff cuts. The easing of import fees and duties, originally set for 1984, could be advanced by two years to ease Japan's trade frictions with the United the United to examine the possibility of speeding up implementation of a 1979 agreement on tariff cuts. The easing of import fees and duties, originally set for 1984, could be advanced by two years to ease Japan's trade frictions with the United the United to examine the possibility of speeding up implementation of a 1979 agreement on tariff cuts. The easing of import fees and duties, originally set for 1984, could be advanced by two years to ease Japan's trade frictions with the United the United to examine the possibility of speeding up implementation of a 1979 agreement on tariff cuts. The Moneyshops to 25.

Shop outlets for Boston

squeeze on profit margins which is driving many agents

Three tour operators have computerization plans well advanced and up to a dozen more are expected to join the switch to the new technology soon, according to Mr Barry Barnes, a member of the Association of British Travel Association of some openion com-

Agents' study group on com-puter sales systems.

Mr Barnes is finance director of Olympic Holidays, the pioneer among the pack-age holiday companies in

persuading agents to move into selling holidays by computer. Olympic expects to have 1,000 agents fully equipped by Christmas and as many again by the end of

out of business.

Business appointments

Deputy chief at Laing Construction

Mr John Renshaw, joint managing director of John Laing Construction, has been appointed deputy chairman of the company and chairman of Laing Management Contract-ing from January. Mr David Bottom and Mr Oliver Whitehead are to be assistant managing directors of John Laing Construction. Mr Nigel Vinson is to be a

director of Barclays Bank UK from January 1 and remains a member of the bank's New(astle upon Tyne local board. Mr Stanley Kemp, a regional general manager, becomes a deputy general manager of Barclays Bank UK.



chief at the Saudi American Bank,

Bank UK.

Mr G. S. Abel, managing director of British Road Services Midlands, is appointed group managing director of the Roadline UK group, a subsidiary of the National Freight Company.

Mr A. C. C. Ferguson, deputy managing director, is to be deputy chief executive of Ferodo.

Mr P. E. Presland has been appointed an additional director of Researce.

ing director of Brengreen

Management Services, has been appointed secretary of Brengreen (Holdings). Mr C. S. Sproat has joined the board of Barker & Dobson Group as chief executive of the confection-

executive or the confection-ery division.

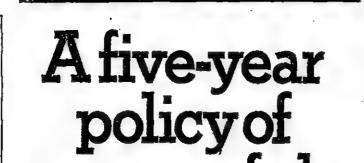
Mr Michael Knight has become a partner in the Corporate Consulting Group and Colonel Michael Burk-ham director of research. Sir Charles Carter is to be a director of the international

advisory board.
Mr A. G. W. Jackson is to join the partnership of Mac-farlanes, solictors. Mr A. C. Smith has been

appointed a director of R. W. Toothill. Lord Mark Fitzalan Howard has been elected chairman of The Association of Investment Trust Com-

Mr Silvano Grimaldi has become sales director of Fiat Auto (UK)'s Lancia brand, Mr Geoffrey Hughes and Mr Barry R. Buckan are to

directors of Anthony



successful

based on

expansion

the development of new property

Salient points from the Annual Statement by the Chairman, Sir Gerald Thorley, TD, FRICS.

Against a background of economic recession and continuing high interest rates worldwide, pre-tax profits rose during the year by 28%, earnings per share by 23% and net assets per share by 30%.

The extremely good results underline the success of MEPCs policy of expansion following the difficult years from 1975 to 1977. Dividends per Ordinary share have risen from 1.7p in 1977 to this year's proposed total distribution of 6.5p.

Group assets stand for the first time at over £1 billion. Of the increase in net asset value per share of 87p, a particularly strong performance in Australia accounted for 25p of the uplift, excluding currency gains.

Shareholders' funds have increased over the year from £484 million to £646 million. Our borrowing ratio continues to reduce and loan capital now represents 45% of shareholders' funds.

We have, where practical, retained the full equity interest in our projects during development by the use of mediumterm bank loans. The success of this policy is readily apparent.

Our investment portfolio in the United Kingdom continues to be the bedrock of the Group and represents 69% of Group assets. Despite the basic weakness of the U.K. economy. our business has remained buoyant with vacant properties currently accounting for less than 21/2% of the U.K. rent roll and generally good rental increases being obtained on reviews and reversions.

Capital commitments for new developments and refurbishments in the U.K. and overseas currently total £90. million compared with £61 million last year.

Summary of Group Results (Year ended 30th September, 1981)	1981 £000	1980 £000
Gross rents and other income	83,070	63,474
Earnings before taxation	26,798	20,993
Taxation	10,914	8,166
Earnings attributable to ordinary shares	15,567	12,645
Earnings per share diluted	9.2p	7.5p
Net dividends per share	6.50p	5.75p
Net assets per share diluted	373p	286p

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Allied-Lyons continues to improve

action with an impressive 50 per cent though, one has to put the reverse advance in half-year pretax profits to effects on interest charges on the £65.5m and a balance sheet on a group's dollar borrowings. The group's healthier footing. In brewery activities overall interest charge rose from £1.1m Allied managed a 6 per cent rise in beer profits despite the 6 per cent national decline in beer consumption resulting cash resources exceed £175m. The funds are there to make futher according

industry still looms despite five million barrels lost in the United Kingdom Hongkong merger market over two years. The Ansells closure took one million barrels out of Allied. And though it will take time to Marriage repair the damage, the group believes it can increase its market share. Second- deferred

half beer sales are traditionally slacker, but a similar performance is expected. Profits from J. Lyons continue to improve — by 34 per cent — after last year's loss elimination and a particu-larly strong performance again came from the United States businesses which produce pearly half the profits.

HALF YEAR TO MID-SEPTEMBER EM

	1981/821	980/81
Turnover	1.206	• .
Trading profit	74.6	
Capital profits	7.3	6.7
Investment Inc	0.9	1.0
Associated Cos	8.4	5,4
Finance charges	-25.7	-31.3
Pre-tax profit	65.5	50,5
of which:		
Beer	34.7	32.5
Wines, spirits		
soft drinks	22.4	17.0
Food	16.5	12.3
Unallocated central		
expenses, etc	-8.1	-11.3

Currency translations continued to move in Allied's favour. A 31 per cent rise from wines, spirits and soft drinks was struck, despite an estimated 10 per cent fall in spirits sales, and further improvement is expected in the second

Working capital has increased but Property borrowings have continued to fall with a £51m drop in loan capital, only partly offset by a £31m increase in overdrafts. Property sales have yielded good profits and will continue apace, though profits on this count are not expected to match last year's £17.3m. Allied could perform on a similar level in the second half unless there are any serious setbacks to consumer spending or interest rates. The market is going for profits of between £125m and £130m. With a final dividend increase of some 20 per cent looking a reasonable bet, the shares would yield 11.5 per cent at 74p.

Hanson Trust

Maintaining its record

While Hanson Trust's takeover record has been less than glittering over the past year, one cannot deny the conglomerate's ability to generate profits. Pretax profits for the year to September 30 show a 27 per cent increase to £49.7m, the 18th successive year of rising profits. The figures bettered market expectations and the shares rose

turn in the group's United Kingdom activities. The United States contributed £39.3m to group profits, against £20.9m the precious year. The corresponding figures for the United Kingdom are £14.8m against £19.3m.

In dollar terms, the United States performance, although still good, looks less spectacular. Converting to sterling at a \$1.786 rate, compares with \$2.392

Allied-Lyons has confirmed the benefits the previous year, has been worth about of its recent savage rationalization £9m to group profits. Against this, action with an impressive 30 per cent though, one has to put the reverse

from the squeeze on consumer spending and duty increases. Reduced losses from its Dutch Skol subsidiary, to £500,000 against £2.5m, helped the increase and further benefits are expected over the full year.

Overcapacity in the United Kingdom industry still looms despite five million.

Hongkong's taipans are used to getting what they want on their own terms. It is notable when they do not. Sir Yue-kong Pao has backed down from his proposal to consolidate his shipping and property interests in the colony by a reverse takeover of his World International by Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown, the predominantly property group which he wrested from Jardine,

The critics, especially influential and shrewd local Chinese minority share-holders in Wharf, said the deal was being pushed through too quickly and cheaply. The opposition may have surprised Sir Yue-kong. Faced with a choice of improving the terms or risking a face-losing and humiliating defeat when Wharf shareholders came to vote. Sir Yue-kong has clearly decided to give up rather than pay up, at least for the time being.

The case has also been the first big test for Mr Robert Fell, the colony's Commissioner for Securities. His decision to ask for Wharf's shareholder meeting to be deferred and for more information to be provided to minority shareholders effectively stopped Sir Yue-kong railroading through a merger being pushed through too quickly and

Yue-kong railroading through a merger that would have done nothing for Hongkong's image as anything but a cavalier market.

Great Portland takes its opportunity

Great Portland Estates's £27m rights issue of one for six at 162p a share had been well rumoured. Over the past week the shares have slithered from 2020 to 190p. After yesterday's announcement they eased further, to 184p. Even so, the recovery in the shares from 154p on Black Monday, September 28 has presented the group with a chance it could not resist to raise money. No doubt the issue will go well. A £27m issue is not large for a group with a market capitalization of nearly £200m though the fact remains that Great Portland's is largely opportunist.

More to the market's liking yesterday was the news that MEPC's net assets

t49.7m, the 18th successive year of rising profits. The figures bettered market expectations and the shares rose of to 285p.

The improvement has come on the back of a big increase in earnings in the United States which has offset a down turn in the group's United Kingdom activities. The United States which has offset a down turn in the group's United Kingdom activities. The United States which has offset a down turn in the group's United Kingdom activities. Stated money supply. In London period rates in the money markets looked slightly firmer as some operators decided that the failure of the very short term rates to fall was making the cost of running longer paper rather more expensive than they had bargained for. Whether they have jumped the right way may be clearer by this afternoon.

Peter Hazelhurst

Mr Iguchi's garden shed robots

Tokyo Mr Toshio Iguchi, 31, is president of a one man company on the outskirts of Tokyo but spends most of his working hours relaxing on the golf course.

His life style might appear incongruous with his startling record for productivity but it serves as an appear

ling record for productivity but it serves as an apt example of how a revolution is beginning to overtake Japan's cottage industries—the myriad of small backyard family factories and sub-contractors which forms the base of the country's industrial strength.

Mr Iguchi spends most of his time at a nearby golf course while three rented industrial robots churn out tens of thousands of plastic toy parts a day in his unmanned backyard factory.

"It is marvellous. I have

'It is marvellous. I have "It is marvellous. I have increased my productivity in the factory and reduced my golf handicap to 11 since I dispensed with casual workers and rented the three robots last April." Mr Iguchi explains as he enters the 150 sq yd shed behind his Japanese home in Katsushika, a suburb of northern Tokyo.

The young Japanese entreoreneur says that he

The young Japanese entrepreneur says that he used to employ three workers in the neighbourhood to man automatic plastic moulding machines which produce 18 parts of a plastic stop watch for a major toy manufac-

without notice and my wage bill was rising beyond a



Mr Iguchi before a hard day on the golf course

a month," He says,

"I am renting each robot
for 38,000 yer (£90) a month
from a robot leasing company. They don't complain, I
don't have to provide them
with tea and they can work in
the dark. The robots are
more accurate and the quality of the finished product is
better."

The sporting businessman says that when he first pursued the idea of purchasing robots he was told each would cost 2 million Yen (£5,000). "When I told the manufacturer that the sum was too high they referred me to a robot leasing company which had recently been in the sporting of the sporting to the sporting that is all I have to do to keep the factory running 14

formed to help the cottage industry and small businessmen" he explains.

Experts inspected his factory and three robots were modified to replace the factory running 14 hours a day," he says.

The robots have been programmed to remove surplus strips from the parts and tory and three robots were drop the scrap into separate containers. Scrap plastic is

reasonable level. In the past I was paying each of my three employees 180,000 yen (£425) a month," He says.

"I am renting each robot for 38,000 yen (£90) a month from a robot leasing company. They don't complain, I don't have to provide them in warms up. He fills the storage bins on top of the over a month to produce automatic moulder with raw in another machine and recycled into granules again. The robots can be reprogrammed to handle other products.

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golf course.
The robots continue to drop 18 parts into the boxes every 24 seconds.

large cardboard boxes under the arms of the three robots.

The robots are switched on and Mr Iguchi leaves for the

over a month to produce 100,000 toy watches. Mr Iguchi claims he makes about the equivalent of 3.5p profit every 24 seconds while he tries to improve his golf handicap on a pearby fair-

way.
"I intend to do a lot of skiing this winter," he adds. Like Mr lguchi many of Japan's small businessmen and backyard family factores are beginning to rent efficient automated equip-ment from the newly formed Japan Robot Leasing Compa-ny, formed by 24 leading robot manufacturers and financed by the Development

has a sub-contract to weld brackets for a large car manufacturer, has dispensed with four casual workers and has installed four welding robots at the back of the

He now runs a Sashimi (raw fish) shop at the front of his house while the robots continue to weld car parts in

continue to weld car parts in the back garage.

"We buy the robots from the manufacturers and lease them out to small entrepreneurs," says Mr Shinichi Matsuda, president of the leasing company. "Our clients are small or medium size companies which do not want companies which do not want to invest or purchase robots which will become obsolete in five years. They prefer to rent them at the moment. They also want the robots financed by the Development Bank of Japan and commercial banks.

In one case the owner of a small garage factory, who

Deindustrialization—testing theories

one of the country's prime challenge under this sceneconomic problems. Many ario.
theories were put forward to Explain why it was happen-really the mirror image of

If we are to understand what is going on and what we ought to do about it, we ought to look again at some longer term explanations which have been put forward for what is going on in the industrial sector. There are five main explana

tions of what has been happen-ing which we should consider One is that the problems have been caused by stupid economic policies by the Government, which drove up the exchange rate through high interest rates, incited big pay rises by its tax policy and deflated the domestic

The huge drop in manufacturing output — down by more than a sixth since spring 1979 — has been the most striking feature of the recession. But in the debate about the Government's macroeconomic policies of the past two years, we often in ot new.

It has been a persistent feature of the last eight years. In the mid-1970s it was atlon, will not stop this. Only identified by left and right as one of the country's prime cone of the country's prime cone of the country's prime challenge under this sector manufacturing is more challenge under this sector but to manufacturing is more attractive currency.

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the first. It says that contrac-tion in manufacturing is a sign that the Government's policies have, at great cost, worked. Useless capacity which had been outdated by the 1973 oil shock has at last been removed and the industrial sector has become more efficient in response to competition.

As an explanation of what has happened in the past two years, the Bacon and Eltis explanation does not work. They argued that the signs of the deindustrialisation of Britain was the shift of workers from the trading to workers from the training to the public sector. By preempting resources the Government was effectively "crowding out" the private sector. Yet public employ-ment has not risen in the past two years; it has fallen.

unemployment mount waiting for the market to solve its problems."

What about the idea that North Sea oil has made a decline in manufacturing output inevitable. The argu-ment rests on the fact that we export to pay for our high, sterling is strengthenimports. As we no longer ing. This points strongly to
have to pay for imports of
oil, we can import more of
other things and export less
of our own manufactures.

The manufacturing sector

will therefore decline.

As a long term explanation What about the "New this seems unsatisfactory. It Cambridge" school of is true that the share of thought which ties deindusis true that the share of manufacturing in our trialisation to rising imports?

national output would fall in The problem here is that
those circumstances. But imports were falling at the those circumstances. But that is no reason why the absolute level should go down.
What we ought to expect,

unless the domestic economy was at full capacity, would be that manufacturing would take a smaller share of a

Yet the movements of the pound in 1981 hardly bear out the theory. When British interest rates were below world levels in the summer, the pound fell. Now that our interest rates are once again high, sterling is strengthen-

same time that manufactursame time that manufacturing went through the floorAs Sir Alec Cairncross pointed out, without accepting
the Cambridge diagnosis of
what should be done their
definition of what defindusrialization means has a lot to trialisation means has a lot to commend it. But over the

past two years, it does not fit as a description of what has been happening.
That leaves us with the Touché

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The 750 workers remaining at the Oxley printing group, structural problems it faced in the past two structural problems in the past two structural pro

feeling that manufacturing had been treated too badly should have presided over the greatest industrial recession this century.

R Bacon and W Britain's Economic Problem: Too Few Producers. Macmillan. P J Forsyth and J F Kay: The Economic Implications of North Sea Oil Revenues. Fiscal Studies Vol 1, No. 3 De-Industrialisation, edited by Frank Blackaby, includes a contribution by Sir Alec Cairneross, Master of St. Peter's College, Oxford. published by Heinemann.

David Blake

Lending Rates

Base

ABN Bank	15	-
Barclays	15	
BCCI	15	
Consolidated Crds		
C. Hoare & Co	15	
Lloyds Bank		
Midland Bank	15	9
Nat Westminster .		
TSB	15	9
WilliamsandGlyn's	15	9

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Business Diary: At the sign of the black horse

ham yesterday.

Gilham, I should explain, is not my bank manager, but according to Robert Fisk, The Times correspondent in Beruit, Gilham unwittingly is the London banker of the Muslim Brotherbood. This the London banker of the Muslim Brotherhood. This the group which admitted responsibility for the explosion in Damascus on Sunday in which more than 60 people were killed. British Muslims sympathetic to the brotherhood's aims, Fisk wrote yesterday, are invited to send donations to account number 0109448 at the Kilburn and Brondesbury branch of Lloyds at Kilburn manager or priest.

be there and how long it would stay, Gilham would say only: "Would you like to get in touch with head office, please?" He said it twice.

"All I can say is that we do have an account at that there are account at that have an account at that capitalization of £10,000 mil-branch of that number but lion held by institutions, he

"We weren't aware it (the account) was going to be bear out his assertion that used for what it (the Fisk over the past five years less for when I asked him article) said it was going to investment trusts have con-be used. Provididing there sistenty outperformed unit

Bank managers as a breed are as unwilling to part with information they are cash, so I wasn't too surprised to get nowhere with Norman Gilham yesterday.

The chairman of Lloyds, whose company logo is the kicking black horse, is Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of the committee of London Clearing Banks.

It would be hard to find a more reassuring chairman for the Association of Invest-

branch of Lloyds at Kilburn manager or priest.

Need to be bullied by an insistent BBC journalist into minimum the Association a more ask how the account came to giving the Association a more

not of the Muslim Brother-hood name." would like to attract more individual private investors.

be used. Provididing there are satisfactory references we accept an account."

In this case the references apparently were "satisfactory," but the bank declined to discuss yesterday whether it would continue to accept it would continue to accept was in investment trusts.

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Stocking tops?

There was one question I felt I had to ask Brian McMeekin I had to ask Brian McMeekin yesterday: is he a stockings man or is he a tights man?

McMeekin, I should explain, is the managing director of Thomas Tilling Subsidiary Pretty Polly, which is the biggest name in ladies' branded hosiery, selling about 130 million pairs of hose a year.

hose a year. Professionally, I must say I really have no preference so long as they buy them in ever-incresing numbers. I am here to serve", he said. He rather went for stockings, in particular his own Hold-Up (self-supporting 'In purely male terms I think it's an exciting prod-

McMeekin was in London yesterday having left his Sutton-in-Ashfield head-quarters for the annual Miss Lovely Legs of Great Britain competition, of which Pretty Polly is principal sponsor.

1-dies with names of cotton is much less than competition, or which Freity
Polly is principal sponsor.

Twenty ladies with names
like Tracey and Jacqui paraded in Pretty Polly tights and
stockings as well as other
unmentionables, but McMeekin, who is probably blase
about ladies' legs, did not act
as judge.

less, for when I asked him what the McMeekin legs were graced by, he didn't hesitate



Socking it to them in the ladies' hosiery trade: Pretty Polly managing director Brian McMeekin and some extremely competitive legs at the Miss Lovely Legs of Great Britain competition in Landon yesterday.

of cotton is much less than wool or nylon".

McMeekin told me that despite what lady fashion journalists like to write and their male readers might like to imagine, most women wear tights most of the time, eight or nine pairs of tights being sold to every one of stock-

If am sure it is a myth that women are looking over their shoulders all the time at what men would like; it really hardly matters what men

For the record I should add that Miss Lovely Legs of Great Britain is last year's runner-up, a secretary aged 20 and part-time model and dancer from Reading, Miss Tracy Rawling.

I can reveal that she "wants to be a success in life", but as to whether she is the tights or the stockings type I do not feel obliged to

Miss Rawling received, among other things, 100 pairs among other things, too pairs of assorted hose yesterday and if the balance is not to her liking she's also got £1,000-worth of prizemoney to buy some more.

Touché

at the Oxley printing group, structural problems it faced which went bust in August, in the early and mid-1970s, produced the offer for sale documents which helped save various analyses of those problems you subscribe to.

documents which helped save their jobs.

Oxley's receiver, Ian McIsaac of Touche Ross, yesterday completed the final act of the three-month-long through bad economic receivership when he signed the documents for a management buy-out at Oxley's former engraving subsidiaries.

Of the 16 Oxley subsidiaries, with reported debts of the the manufacturing cannot come back without a reversal of the policies and film, McIsaac and his tham have seen 14 sold off as going concerns.

concerns.

"In effect, what has happened is that the 750 workforce is now producing much the same as the 1,300 employed within the group before it failed," he said.

Sir Kenneth Cork, doyen of Britain's receivers and a former Lord Mayor of the City of London, had some words of wisdom yesterday for companies anxious about the future Launching a helpful new booklet from Dun & Bradstreet called "Cash flow — the key to business survival"; he said: "If your managing director is busy—
sack him. He's not paid to be
busy, he's paid to think."
Business Diary called Sir
Kenneth later yesterday to
discuss the matter further,

but we were out of luck — he was busy chairing a meeting. Ross Davies | Stock Markets

Sellers depress equities

In gilts, profit-taking was also the key word, with still no sign of a cut in domestic interest rates and the latest money supply figures in the US proving worse than expected. The tight conditions in the money market were also a reason for selling by the big institutions with losses of up to £4 in longs and £4 in shorts reported at

the close.

Blue chips reflected the nervous conditions. ICI lost 6p to 290p, Beecham 5p to 216p, Glaxo 8p to 420p, Unilever 7p to 613p Bowater 4p to 212p, Courtaulds 2p to 72p, GKN 4p to 171p, Hawker Siddeley 6p to 318p, and P & 0,D'fd 3p to 123p. John Brown also fell 3p to 78p after a seller of 5m shares was reported earlier in the week.

Properties bad a day of mixed fortunes, turning shar-ply easier after confirmation of the widely expected £27m

Greenbrook Securities, a private company, has sold its 19.5 per cent stake in East Lancashire Paper. Brokers Hoare Govett were reported to have successfully placed with institutions 975,000 shares at 52p worth £507,000. East Lancs closed 2p lower at 50p.

outcome of the Monopolies contested bids by Hongkong and Shanghai and Standard Chartered. Standard also lost ground, falling 12p to 657p, amid suggestions that it may be forced to raise its price once the findings are made

public.

A healthy set of full-year figures and a one-for-one scrip issue boosted Hanson Trust 7p to 286p. Hanson is fighting Thomas Tilling for control of Berec. Hopes of a higher offer by Hanson, whose bid has been extended to December 14 to December 14, put 1p on Berec at 133p, after 135p.

Sellers gained the upper hand yesterday as the rest of the market nervously awaited the outcome of the Chancellor's economic package today.

Equities drifted throughout the day, mainly on lack of interest as investors postponed their next move until the details of the package could be analysed. The possibility of being forced to pay interest on current accounts saw the big four banks boil over after the shares 1½p lower at 74p. Favourable trading statements were also good for 8p on Atkins Bros at 58p, 6p on David Dixon at 108p, 7p on Hargreaves Group at 42p and 30p on Barclays plunged 20p to 433p, milliant 15p to 328p, Lloyds the market took a sterner view of the performances of Sangers, down at 32p and Tecalnit, 6p lower of 37½p.

The absence of a dawn raid saw Rank Organisation slide Own.
Discussions with Hong-

The absence of a dawn raid king Engineering and Consaw Rank Organisation slide for to 156p, while in oils HWL's 78.37 per cent stake in Berkeley Exploration lost Harbour Engineering have strong performance.

Characteristics of the strong performance.

Shares of Equipu made their debur on the Unlisted Securities Market with a 3p premium over the offer price of 80p. Nimslo, which began trading on Monday in the USM, fell another 10p to 165p — making a fall so far of 45p on the placing price of 210p.

for 187. optionssaw Traditional rights issue from Gt Port land, down 6p at 184p. Meanwhile, figures from City on 2½p and Tozer. However, they recovered Allied-Lyons were at the Kemsley on 8p. A double was slightly as the day wore on, upper end of expectations, made in Royal Bank of encouraged by the better-but with a big bull account Scotland on 36p.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	žen žen	Em	bet spare	berce	date	fotal	
Allied-Lyons (I)	1.206(1,139)	65.5(50.5)	6.5(5.3)	2(2)	5/3	-(5.0)	
Atkins Bros. (I)	5.42(5.61) 4.4(6.7)	0.15(0.064) 0.09(1.3a)	1.0(13.7a)	1.3 5(1)	<u>-</u>	-(4.65) -(-)	
Brit. Beuzol (I) Cardiff Prop. (P)	+. *(0. /)	0.028(0.055)	1.6(2.6)	1(1)	1/2	1.6(1.6)	
Charter Cons. (1)		34.1(31.2)	21.1(18.4)	3.75 (3.4)	7/1	-(10.0)	
James Crean (F)	44.3(35.3)	1.52(2.18)	12.7(21.38)	5(4.82)	-	7(6.82)	
David Dixon (l)	6.12(5.2)	0.1(0.077)	5.9(2.9)	2.2(2.2)	==	—(9.95)	
Hanson Trust (F)	855.9(684.3)	54.1(40.2)	31.2(23.2)	5.7(4.7)	5/2	10(8.5)	
Grant Bros. (1)	4.34(4.88)	0.24a(0.19a)	22.09a(8.6a)	-(-)	2011	-(-)	
Hargresves (i)	106.6(107.5)	1.99(2.43)	4.1(5.8)	1.6(1.6) 0.8(0.8)	28/1	-(2.75)	
Highaus (I)	8.67(9.33) ()	0.22(0.3) 6.19(5.1)	-(-)	5.3(4.5)	1/1	(3.58) 7.3(6.5)	
Home Brewery (F) Leeds Dyers (F)	7.39(9.1)	0.71(0.7)	11.3(13.4)	2.5(2)	=	3.5(3.0)	
MERC (F)	-(-)	26.8(20.9)	9.2(7.5)	4.5(4)	21/1	6.5(5.75)	
Moorgate Merc. (I)	4.62(4.26)	0.26(0.16)	a 444 446	0.3(0.25)	5/2	-(0.9)	
Ocean Wilsons (I)	23.9(24.6)	1.87(2.31)	3.18(4,35)	0.75(0.75)	29/12	-(2.6)	
Rexmore (I)	15.07(19.14)	0.2(0.32a)	2(3.25a)	0.525(0.5)	20/1	-(1.0)	
Rowlinson Cons. (I)	=(-)	0.32(0.044)	-(-)	0.18(0.18)		-(0.6)	
Sangers (I)	On'1(O4'14)	1.032(0.46)	11.24(2.194)	-(-)	===	-(1.8)	
Tecalemit (f)	25.7(26.7)	0.6(1.2)	-()	0.8(1.04)	8/1	-(2,08)	
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ends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are non a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and again are net. a=Loss.

Hutchison Whampoa fails to agree sale

The Hongkong trading house Hutchison Whampoa is reverting to original plans to make Harbour Engineering a wholly owned subsidiary by acquiring the 21.63 per cent stake it does not already

unable to agree terms.

In June, HWL announced its intention to buy out the minority shareholders in four companies in which it held a controlling interest.

Wiggins-Newarthill

of 45p on the placing price of 210p.

Equity turnover on November 30 was £110.283 (13,926 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were: MEPC. Allied-Lyons, Berkeley Exploration, Brengreen, Hanson Trust, Barclay Bank, Gt Portland, BP. Tecalmit, Eagle Star and Charter Cons.

Traded options: Total contracts amounted to 965, of which Courtaulds accounted for 187. Talks are on which may Sangers, the pharmaceutimonths ago, the shares stood cal, photographic and agencies group, in which financies Mr Tom Whyte has a near Mr George Robinson, the 20 per cent stake, yesterday announced just over £1m of losses for the half year to August 31. This compared with a £463,000 profit for the with a £463,000 profit for the same period last year. Turnover also fell, by £4m to £60.16m, and no half-year dividend has been paid. The directors have said that though a programme of rationalization is continuing, no final dividend payment is likely either.

Case oversubscribed S. G. Warburg, the mer-chant bank, yesterday said that application lists in connexion with the offer for sale of 2.5m ordinary shares likely either. over the past three years has When Mr Whyte first occurred, and we are curstarted building his stake in rently trading at about half the company over four the previous gross profit of 20p each in Computer and Systems Engineering (Case) closed at 10.01 am heavily oversubscribed.

An announcement will be made today giving details of the basis for allotments, and dealings are expected to begin early next week.

J Crean tumbles

In spite of turnover rising from Ir £35.9m to Ir £44.9m, pretax profits of James Crean, the Dublin-based industrial group, slumped from Ir £2.18m to Ir £1.52m in the year to June 30. But the board is optimistic that group earnings for the year will be significantly higher than 1980-81; in view of this, the total dividend for the year is being raised from 9.75p to 10n gross.

Charter boosts its profits

Charter Consolidated, the Charter Consolidated, the mining and finance group, yesterday bucked the trend of falling industrial profits and mining dividends by recalling an increase in pretex profits from £31.3m to £34.1m in the six months to September 30.

The dividend was also reject from £35 gross last

raised, from 4.85p gross last year to 5.35p gross. Charter paid 14.28p gross for the whole of its previous year,

service group. That sale brought in £13m gross.

Mr George Robinson, the

A severe reduction in the

Fogautolube, was affected as customers held off from ordering after the presidential elections. Also, the combustion engineering div-

ision suffered a low demand for oil and gas burners in the United Kingdom and West

Mr F. C. de Paula, the chairman, says in his half-yearly report that the group is continuing its policy of stringent cost control but is crill investing in advanced

still investing in advanced

production equipment, as well as in electronic and other new projects.

whole of its previous year, brought in 113m gross; when pretax profits were f53.7m or £1.4m more than in 1980.

Since then, the company has been pursuing its policy months' earnings from Aleof building up industrial xander Shaud, the manufacholdings and reducing its turer of mining machinery.

after midyear loss

By Drew Johnston

Tecalemit profit halved

By Our Financial Staff Pretax profits of Tecale— There were two other mit, the Maidenhead-based reasons for the drop in manufacturer of filtration profits. The French offshoot.

emphasis on mining. Never-theless, the biggest increase ing materials and engineer-in the first half of the year ing group, suffered from the was the £2.3m more earned decline in demand for insu-from realization of invest-ments, which totalled £9.3m. Sadia, a maker of heating and Most of the larger proiceeds from investment realization came from the sale of Charter's 11.4 per cent holding in Haw Par, the Singapore trading and financial service group. That sale

Among the operating subsidiaries, Pandrol, which
makes railway servicing
machines, improved its results. There was also a
£1.37m improvement in retained profits from associated companies, chiefly Johnson Matthey.
Earnings per share in the

Earnings per share in the last full year were 31p.

No Sangers payout British Benzol

recovers By Our Financial Staff

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British Benzol Carbonising, the Newport-based manufacturer of coke and smokeless fuel, has staged a sharp recovery in turning fairly heavy losses into profits in the first half.

To the end September the group made a profit of £92,000 before tax against a loss of £1.3m in the first half of .1980-81 and a deficit of £2.7m for the whole of the year. Sales fell from £6.7m to £4.4m. For the whole of 1980-81 sales were £13.7m.

Mr W. J. C. Douie, chairman, says in his half year report: "The market for our products remains volatile and chairman, said the main difficulties had been in the pharmaceutical division, the mainstay of the group. The division increased its market share compared with the second half of last year and the loss was held at a similar level at £636,000, against £632,000 last year. division's gross profit margin over the past three years has occurred, and we are cur-

products remains volatile and depressed. Increased efficiency at our plant in South Wales has reduced costs and our continued attention to quality control has enabled us to improve our sales performance and our financial results: Current levels of profita-

bility are inadequate and efforts continue to gain further improvement.

Wall Street

New York, Dec 1 - Turmoil in oil shares sapped much of the market's strength and prices ended the day mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than four points during the day

Bid for Australian newspaper group

Bell Group, the company controlled by the Western Australian entrepreneur Mr Robert Holmes a'Court, has bid for 50.1 per cent of Herald and Weekly Times, one of Australia's biggest newspaper groups, publisher of the Sydney Herald.

The bid values the Herald group at A\$263m (£140m) Bell is offering one of its ordinary shares and A\$7 in ordinary shares and A\$7 in ordinary shares and A57 in cash for every four ordinary Herald shares. It values Herald shares at A52.78 each, compared with about A\$2.48 on the Sydney stock market.

Mr Holmes a Court has recently bought 50.1 per cent of non-voting Associated Communications, the company controlled by Lord Grade.

The new bid will be subject The new bid will be subject to approval by the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal be

First French 'bulldog' loan

cause both parties have radio and television interests.

The French motorway finance agency, Caisse Nationale des Autoroutes, is Nationale des Autoroutes, is ruising £30m with a 25-year "bulldog" bond, the first issue by a French borrower on the bulldog market. It brings to £515m the total raised through bulldog issues since July, 1980, after the abolition of exchange controls. Kleinwort, Beason is arranging the issue by way of a placing and the yield will be set today at 1.15 per cent above the redemption yield on three long gilts.

Meanwhile, the eight-year syndicated credit for the Irish Republic, lead-managed by NatWest, has been raised from £100m to £120m because of strong demand.

of strong demand. but then changed direction near the close to finish up 1,24 at 890.22. Decline con-tinued to lead advances, however, by around 860 to 670. Volume widened to some 54 million shares from 47.58

million yesterday.
Analysts said the market was due for some profit taking after the 37 point run up in the Dow Jones over the last four sessions.

Commodities

systems and garage equip-ment, were balved to £593,000 in the six months to October

9. After a relatively low tax charge, the attributable pro-

fits were £545,000 against £842,000.

given the present economic climate, the board has de-cided to cut the dividend from 1.48p gross to 1.14p

In light of the results, and

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Group turnover Profit before tax Earnings per share Dividends per share £29,500,000 £21,800,000 30.60p 20.19p 4.33p 3.50p

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In India and Australia a day on which the home countries' bowlers delivered the knockout blows:

England's hopes go up in Bombay smoke

From Richard Streeton Bombay, Dec 1

India gained a thoroughly deserved victory in the first Test match here today after England's matth here today after England's second innings came close to being a debacle. Some marvellously sustained pace bowling by Kapii Dev and Madan Lal, who each took five wickets, brought India a remarkable triumph by 138 runs with almost nine hours to space.

to spare.
England, needing 241 with time no object, collapsed to 42 for five after an hour on an awkward pitch and were finally dismissed for 102. A succession of fire-crackers thrown on to the field and the ceaseless roars of encouragement from the 50,000 crowd made it an occasion when Test cricket reverted to the

frenzied atmosphere of Roman circus.

There can be no question that England batted poorly, showing little spirit and less technical application than expected. Underwood and Willis, the tenth-wicket pair, shared the largest stand of the innings and needed far more prising out than the recognized batsonen. The wicket had lost some of its earlier bounce but the

Test scoreboard

Second (unings M Gavaskar, c Taylor inham Bolham Srikkanth, run out B Yengsarkar, c Tavaré,

B Vengsarkar, C Yavaré, m
Botham
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tovenii, i-b-w. b Madan Lai. I Tavare, c Gavaskar, b Kapii D / Gower, I-b-w, b Kapii Dev. T Sotham. c Arad, b Kasil Dev E Emburay, c Gavasker, b Madan Lai e filine, b Madan Lai R W Taylor, b Madan Lai L Underwood, ner out n D Willis, c Kimani, b Kapil Dev

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ball did keep dreadfully low at one end.

It was, frankly, not a good pitch for a five-day Test and it proved a good tuss for Gavaskar to have won. Even so it was disheartening for England to be roused by the medium for disheartening for England to be routed by two medium-fast bowlers, the type they are supposed to play so well. No one attempted a sweep and Doshi bowled only one over just before the end; there were no umpiring controversies. One way and another the pattern was almost idexplicable and certainly unexpected.

Kapil Dev bowled with great hostility for a man who went into the match with a suspect back. He obtained lift and movement the match with a suspect back. He obtained lift and movement and removed Gooch, Tavare and Gower in his first four overs at a cost of only 17 runs, by when England's challenge was snuffed out. As an all-rounder he is the Indian equivalent of Botham In his approach and in the way he is always in a match with bat or ball. The form of the 30-year-old Madan Lal was more of a revelation. Recalled after a four-year absence from Test cricket, he benefited from the end where the ball often kept low, but his accuracy and perseverance had to be admired. At lunch, when England were 57 for six from 15 overs, Madan Lal's analysis was 7—4—8—3, with Boycott, Fletcher and Emburey his victims.
England's innings lasted 128 minutes and only just escaped being their lowest against India; they scored 101 at the Oval in 1971 when Chandrasekhar was the wrecker. Their previous lowest in India was 159 at Madras in 1972-73 when Bedi and Prasanna each took four wickets.
Encland now have a three-day match against a strong South Zone side at Hyderabad next

Encland now have a three-day match against a strong South Zone side at Hyderabad next weekend hefore they go into the second Test at Bangalore on December 9. Not surprisingly the Indian selectors have announced an unchanged 12 for that match. Fletcher said he was conscious he faced his hardest task as captain to lift his side's morale and ensure that nobody became downhearted.

ensure that nobody became downhearted.

Nothing which happened first
thing prepared snyone for England's inent showing later, Madan
Lal and Doshl, India's last two
batsmen, added a further 24 runs
in 35 minutes before India were
all out for 227. Both played
straight and pushed forward confidently to Willis and Botham,
who finally bowled Doshl,
England had more than 10
hours to score the runs and we
resigned ourselves to a routine
new ball spell from Kapil Der
and Madan Lai before Doshi and
Shastri, the two left-arm spinners, were brought on to decide
matters one way or the other. A
dramatic start, however, altered
the thinking, Gooch and Bovcort
each took a single from Kapil
Dev's first two balls. Gooch



India rejoice: Gayaskar (left), Viswanath and Kirmani celebrate the dismissal of Boycott by Madan Lal.

played and missed at the third ball and did the same to the fourth, which left him late; he got the thinnest of edges and was caught by Kirmani. The Indian wicketkeeper has shaved his head to mark a pigrimage to Mecca since English crowds last saw him, but he is as sound a wicketkeeper as ever.

When Tavaré, with little movement of his feet pushed forward and edged a low catch to second slip from the second ball of Kapil Dev's second over, veteran England watchers knew the writing was on the wall. The first firecrackers, leaving a pall of smoke each time they were thrown on to the field, and the crowd erupted as one. a surprise when Gower was leg-before to Kapil Dev with the total 28. The ball came back into him sharply as he offered no stroke and it struck him fairly high on the leg.

the field, and the crowd erupted as one.
Gower bore the look of casual impermanence that so worries his admirers. He played some good strokes off his legs but flirted like averyone else ourside the off stump and was almost caught at leg slip on one occasion from a glance. It was not altogether

over. He stretched forward defensively and was caught at second siley. Madan Lal had claimed three for one in 20 balls.

An uppish cover driven four by Botham off Kapil Dev took him to 19 and meant he had passed 2,000 runs in test cricket and joined Benaud and Sobers as the onlymen in Test history to pass 2,000 runs and 200 wickets. Normally it would have been a celebratory occasion, but nobody in the English camp could find the heart to is camp could find the heart to cheer. It remains, of course, a remarkable feat by Botham, who is only just 25 and playing in his forty-second Test match. Botham

Pakistan are let down by senior batsmen

From Peter McFarime Brisbane, Dec 1

From Peter McFarline
Brisbane, Det 1

Australia won the second Test
against Pakistan today by 10
wickets after Pakistan today by 10
wickets after Pakistan today for 223.
Australia thus needed only three
rans for their second victory in
the three-match series.

The Pakistan batsmen performed miserably after an encouraging start of 72 by Mobsin Khan
and Mudassar Nazar; but once
the irrepressible Lillee had
claimed both their wickets in the
first 40 minutes there was little
resistance from the tenior barsmen. The off spinner, Yardley,
broke the back of the barting
when, in one over, he took the
wickets of Majid Khan and Zaheer
Abbas to make the score 115 for
four. 80th played thexcusable
shots and could blame themselves for their downfall.

A stand of 62 in 83 minutes
for the fifth wicket herween the
captain, Javed Miandad, and the
left bander, Wasion Raja, gave
Pakistan some hope of a draw,
but Lillee tame back to dismiss
both of them in his eighteenth
over, Yardley, and Thomson took
two wickets apiece in the late
order and the innings ended at two wickers apiece in the late order and the innings ended at tea on 223 after Australia had led by 221 runs on the first inn-

ied by 221 runs on the first innings.

Lillee's four for 51 from 19overs gave him march figures of
nine for 132 and took his Test
match tally to 305 wickers, only
four short of the record held by
Lunce Gibbs, During the afternoon
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An ugly encounter of the close kind

Football Correspondent
West Ham 0 West Bromwich 1 Familiarity, they say, breeds contempt. West Ham United and West Bromwich Albion met for the fourth time in 74 days last night and the result was that, although West Bromwich won this third round League Cup tie at the third attempt and will now visit Crystal Palace next week, football itself was an ugly

It is not often that that happens at Upton Park Nor, for that matter, are West Ham aften beaten at home. The last time it happened in the League was 17 months ago, on the opening day of last season when Luron Town were the victors of a second division

West Bromwich, as in the first replay last week, could not even hope to match their opponents for invention but they do have a ruggedly deter-mined outfit and a disciplined system that negated West Ham's undoubted superiority. They have, after all, yet to be defeated in any of the four

encounters so far this season.

Their ploy was simple: Joi
took Brooking, they filled midfield—the area that West Ham use to store their artists—with a bost of black-and-whitea nost of black-and-winter striped magpies chasing one precious object, and they ebony muscle, to win it for them on his own. None of his colleagues ever bothered to trouble Parkes until the rie had been decided had been decided.

had been decided.
West Ham lost Cross with an injured knee after 20 minutes and it was immediately after his departure that the ebuilient Regis came close to putting West Brom-

in their previous two cup meetings.

With Bonds and Martin supremely confident in defence, West Ham's attack was limited by Statham's domination of their one winger. Neighbour. Their frustration grew and so did West Bromwich's aggression and the tempers that had been slowly rising exploded a minute before the interval.

Allen. Cross's replacement, retailated to Brown's fierce challenge and both were booked and then subsequently sent off. Earlier the name of Batson and later that of Jol were also taken by the referee.

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Brown's influence had been negligible and West Bromwich in the end benelited from his theme, although it was their young goalkeeper, Grew, that kept them in the contest as he had done twice previously. He made three remarkable flying saves, particularly from a volley by Neighbour, a powerful header from Martin and a close-range effort from Devonshire before the winner arrived 10 minutes from time.

Grew was also forced to watch anxiously—on one occasion he crossed himself—as the wispy Devonshire, allowed even more freedom than usual, pulled West Bromwich's massed defence first one way and then the other to set up chances

Mackenzie, who had been straggling in Devonshire's wake all evening, was rewarded for his efforts by putting Regis away for the decisive goal. His pass floated over Martin's shoulder and Regis, fast becoming an England World up praspert, this time used all of his ewesome power to beat Farkes and fulfil his lonesome task.

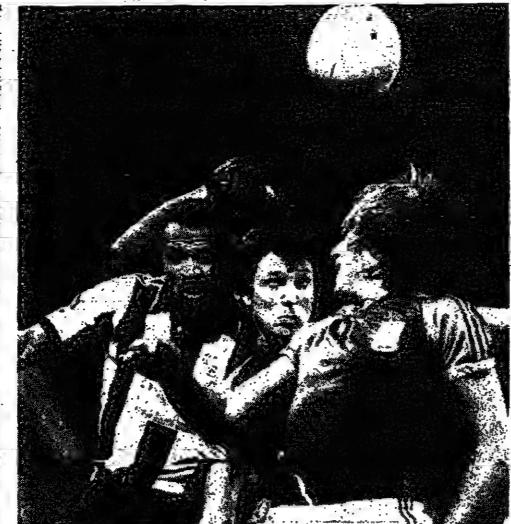
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Three heads with a single-minded thought: Regis, Martin and Bonds

Liverpool make light of Kennedy dismissal

Armstrong provides vital

element in Watford punch

By Nicholas Harling
Arsenal 0 Liverpool 0
Arsenal and Liverpool have
had some surring cup battles but
this was not one of them. Their
League Cup fourth-round tie at
Highbury last night left no enduring memories, just a nasty one,
which was the sending-off of Ray
Kennedy, the Liverpool midfield
player, after an incident in the
forteth minute luvolving Peter
Nicholas.

Kennedy's dismissal, his second of the season, left Liverpool with only 10 men for the last 50 minutes but with so much experience helind them of rearguerd actions on the continent, the European champions were able to force next Tuesday's re-play at Anfield without too many

Playing against his old club Kennedy was quietly making his presence felt when he appeared

The latest bad

Bond and City

Trever Francis's long struggle with a succession of injuries continues today when he enters hospital for a manipulative operation on thigh damage. The Manchester City and England forward has made only seven

forward has made only seven appearances since leaving Not-tingham Forest for fim 13 weeks

The operation costs him another appearance, against Barnsley in a League Cup fourthround tie tonight, and probably another against the champions, Aston Villa at Maine Road on Saturday. John Bond, City's manager, said: "You have to live with injuries, but they seem to go on and on, it destroys all you are trying to do."

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Francis suffered a knee injury in his fourth match for City and missed eight games. He reappeared three games ago but hurt his thigh in training. The injury is not considered to be serious but City badly need to see him fully fit. In the eight matches without him they scored only four goals. They scored 18 when he appeared in seven games.

Tonight Francis is replaced by Boyer who has himself known the frustration of several injuries. Tucart has a heel injury and Caton is also in doubt because of call muscle damage so Mr Bond leaves his ream selection until inday. Barnsley, who have played impressive football this season, hope that one of their forwards, Parker, passes a fitness test on an injured ankle.

D'Ayray, a South African for-

D'Avray, a South African forward who scored against City on Saturday, is retained in the lesswich Town team for their third round replay at Bradford City.

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news for

By Norman Fox

to jab an elbow into the face of Nichotas, who collapsed. In his defence before being shown the red card, Kennedy pointed to his left knee, which was presumably where the previous tackle by Nicholas had left its mark.

Nicholas had left its mark.

There was little else of passion in the match which seemed to be heading towards its predictable way after only five minutes. By then the ball had already been replaced, the original one proving too soft. With the new one neither side displayed any inclination to be more adventurous. Space was at a premium in mid-Space was at a premium in mid-field, which was filled at the slightest threat by retreating for-wards, acting as reinforcement. If one player of either side got free, an opponent invariably appeared to negate the danger.

The first corner took 18 minutes lone, unavailing forward patrol. coming, and from McDermott's Nicholas, clearly not Liverpool's kick, Dalglish produced the first favourite person in the second

By John Clemison
Watford 4

Watford escaped from the possibility of a League Cup replay on artificial turf by scoring four goals at Vicarage Road last night, and progress to the quarter fluals of the competition for the third time in the last four years.

Watford's organization at the back, brought about principally through the vigilance of Rice and Princhest effectively took the sting out of Rangers' attack and provided the base for Jackett and Blissett to tease the visiting defence.

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Taylor had plenty of time to control the pace of Warford's game and Bolton and Terry timed their passes to perfection to give the strikers that extra yard of

the strikers that extra yard of room.

If Watford had a fault, it was in their firishing. They spent an agonising first half hour pumping the ball into the Rangers penalty area to little or no effect and even after Taylor broke the stalemate with a 30-yard shot, there was little doubt that the home side needed more punch up front.

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That vital ingredient was provided by the substitution of Armstrong for Barnes at half-time. Though Barnes had provided width to the Watford attack, he was limping at the start of the game and was further trippied by a tackle from behind by Fenwick, for which the Rangers man was booked.

The virtue of having a striker who can snap up half chances came ten minutes after the break.

Bissert's shot from the edge of

Blissert's shot from the edge of the area cannoned off the cross-bar in front of the goal. Arm-strong was perfectly placed on the six-yard line to ram the ball

Arsenal's reply was promising.
Sunderland putting the ball into the net, only to be given offside and then having Grobbelaar plunge at his feet after their most inspired move. Rix then came nearer to hitting the clock than the goal from a free kick as things reverted to normal.

After Kennedy bad blotted his

to normal.

After Kennedy had blotted his copybook for his retaliation, which was incidentally a repat of his earlier offence against Aston Villa in September, the height of Liverpool's ambitious seemed to be to bring Arsenal back to Anfield. Despite their numerical disadvantage they succeeded in making midfield look as congested as it had hear before. Whelan having dropped back to leave Rush on a lone, unavailing forward patrol. Nicholas, clearly not Liverpool's

Blissett accepted Jackett's well-timed pass on the halfway line, outpaced the defence over 40 yards and sidefooted the bail past Burridge for the third. Rangers looked weak in de-fence. Howe lacked authority and on several occasions he felt the

WATFORD: S Sherwood, P Rice, R Tichett, L Taylor, S Torry, I Bolton, Callaphan, L Slissett, R Jenkins, Jackett, J Barnes (sub: G Arm-rang).

strong). Burridge, I Grosory, T Grett I Burridge, I Grosory, T Ferwick, G Waddock, E Howe, G Roeder, R Harri (sub: G Michiowhite), M Firmagan, A Sealy, S Stainwod, I Gillard,

Best in Middlesbrough

belaar, who had come too far from his goal, not for the first time. Under pressure at the other end Nicholas then headed feebly out to Souness, whose shot was off target. In an attempt to break the deadlock Arsenal then introduced Hankin but in taking off McDermott, they left themselves without a player capable of floating over the high centres required by the big striker. There was to be no dividend for Arsenal's second largest crowd of the season.

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Dundee United's slack

finishing From a Special Correspondent

Winterslag 0 Dunides United 0 Dundee United played them-selves into a winning position in the Uefa Cup third round first leg-de in Belgium rouight. The on several occasions he felt the pressure of Jenkins and Armstrong and had to resort to nodding the ball out of play rather than attempting to distribute it. Nevertheless, Rangers did produce a handful of well-conceived movements, notably when Stainrod and Sealy were linking.

Rangers pulled one goal back ten minutes from time when Terry handled in the area and Stainrod beat Sherwood with his penalty kick.

Two minutes from the end, however, Watford made it 4—1, when Callaghan's run see Taylor up for his second goal.

watford is sherwood. P Rice, K ne in Beigium tonight. The highly proficient Scots completed an eventful evening with the re-sult they wanted to take back for next midsweek's return on Tayside. Before the kick off United had Before the kick off United had lodged a protest to the Uefa ruling body after the Swiss referee's decision to allow the tie to go ahead on a highly questionable waterlogged surface. Throughout the 90 minutes United contrived many more chances than the home side. Unfortunately their finishing did not match their approach work.

WHOTERSHAO TO BE BRUNDE: Houben. Billen. Van Lessen. Lambeichiff, Albertseo. Thys. P Tenter. Berner. Weits. Van Woerkan.

DUNIDEE UNITED: McAlpine: Hoft. Stark. Phillip. Hegarty. Neary, Bannons. Milns. Gough. Starrock. Dodds.

Referee : B Caller (Swiltzwand).

Referee ; B Galler (Switzerland).

Local rivals meet

Hendon bave been drawn at home to their local rivals, Barnet, in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy to be played an December 19. The draw includes:

Kingy Lynn or Bonne v Heriow or Wellinghorough, Enderby v St Albans, Barking v Chesham or Spelding, Aivenanch and Hord. Suiton Coldinist v Bedwarth or Wellinghous William v Dorwing and Micham v Dorwing Partice. Troubing and Micham v Dorwing Silines v Workingham, Carabiton v Dorchoster, Crouden v Geoport, Lysom and Ewell v Gruwerm and Northliet, Maldstone v Bonnor Regis, Bridgend v Gloucester. Mischese v Trowardse, Frome v Saltash ar Tavisierk, Esh v Bridgewater, Balestord v Georger Tystill.

Do's and don'ts for hooligans

By Norman Fox

After nine minutes the whole of the Springfield Park crowd, except those from the Midlands, leapt into the air as one man. Outan glanced the ball through to Houghton, who was in oceans of space. A first division striker could not have bettered his measured shot, which curled over and beyond Rimmer. Pandemonium ensued for several minutes and it was Houghton again who held off three vitila defenders with a 40-yard run and cross.

Villa, as so often in these battles, played with uone of the composure and the skill expected of champions. Even when Swain, Shaw and Cowans worked a nice move, Cowans's shot was nearer the corner flag than the goal. Moring despite his clusiveness, put a shot is yards over the top and then another effort a similar distance wide as Villa were plainly ranked by Wigan's tough tackles and uncompromising offside trap.

Tunks had to make his first real save after 37 minutes when Morley at last found the target with a fierce, low drive. When Shaw robbed Bradd, Tunks made a spleudid save from Withe. Half-time arrived to a freuzied roar from the crowd, who understantably sensed that the s calp of Villa might yet hang along-side that of Cheisea.

Ron Saunders must have had strong words with his side at half-time, since for 20min they showed a sense of purpose more in keeping with their status. Bremoer put a careful shot well wide, Tunks held a Withe header, and Swain's teasing tross just cluded Shaw.

The equalizer came in the most meanisfactory way. Cowans served Shaw with a lovely throogs pass and as Tunks dived at his feet, Shaw pushed the ball past him and dived spectacularly. There may have been contact with Tunks, but Shaw made a meal of it and the tunderous book continued long after Cowans bad dispatched the penalty kick.

The last quarter of an hour belonged to Wigan, when Methwen's slip presented the ball to Evans and Withe put the ball past the gallant Tunks at the second attempt.

attempt.

WIGAN: R Tunks: J McMahon, A Cribley, M Wignail (sub. J Wright), L Bradd. C Mcthrein, K Sacidon, C Barrow, M Chain, P Moughton. C Colladon, A Essay, G Williams, E McGrow, D Brynner, G Shaw, P Withs. C Cowans, A Morley.

results Uefa Cup Third round, first leg

Last night's

Exploratory talks intended to stop booliganism by British supporters at the World Cup in Spain next year ended last right with the Minister for Sport, Neil Macfarlane, offering the "minority" of troublemakers a pamphlet on "Do's and don's "before they travel.

Despite the record of England and Scotland supporters, the minister insisted that "99.9 per cent of the British fams going abroad wifl be well behaved". He cautioned the others that the methods of control by Continental authorities were "in stark contrast to our own".

Doubts about the ability of one British travel company with official access to tickers, Sportsworld, to cope with the hooligan element have not yet been overcome. Mr Macfarlane said he would be looking closely at the distribution of tickers and the plans of tour operators.

The confiscating of passports, which was suggested last week by the chairman of the Football Association, Bert Millichip, was saging and dismissed. Mr Macfarlane said: "It is not nart of our way of life. If people have passports, they are free to travel. He agreed to increase the consular staff at the venues in Spain where British teams had matches and said liaison officers would be established similar to brose used by British clube in European competition. These "officers" usually liaise between the club and the local authorities who are given estimates of the mumbers of supporters expected to travel and their movements.

Mr Macfarlane said and in a dependence on how the minority regard the efforts likely to be made by the authorities who are given estimates of they travel overland."

He said that Government officials would visit Spain carly in the New Year when the World Cup draw was made. Ted Croker, the secretary of the Football Association, said: "The Minister's palus are in line with what we wanted. It looks as if we are going to get what we hoosed for! The problems of chesp alunoid and the segregating of crowds were also discussed. Mr Macfarlane said he hoved FIFA, the international governing body of football, and Third round, first leg
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Rugby Union

goal

silences

Wigan
By Keith Macklin

Acton Villa 2.

In the town where football has so often to play second fiddle to Rughy League, a crowd of 15,362 coared the fourth division upstarts to an early goal and a splendid fighting finish. They reserved their jeers and catcalls for the Football League champions, who escaped with a streaky equalizer, a last minute goal and dreadly negative textics.

Last-minute Lucas leads tourists to a scruffy victory

By David Hands
Pontypridd 3 Australians 6
An occasion for which Pontypridd have waited 105 years
deserved a better game than this.
It perfect conditions at Sardis
Road yesterday, Pontypridd, in
their first game against a leading
touring side, lost by two penalty
goals to one, which is a narrow
enough difference in all conscience, but one which they
seldom looked likely to bridge.
It was a strufty game, typical
perhaps of a touring side whose
mind is on higher things; in this
instance Saturday's game against
Wales. In those circumstances,
any tour management is happy to
see the side come through with
out injuries and with another
acalp under the belt, though it
is only the second game in which
this Australian side has failed to
score a by (the first was against
the Northern Division in the
third game).
On the credit side, the form of
the flanker, Lucas, and the hard
work of the two locks will have
pleased Sir Nicholas Shehadle,
the Australian manager. Roche
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equalizer a last-minute goal and drearily negative tactics.

The expected Nottingman Porest old boys reunion of Wigan's player-manager, Lloyd, and the Yilla centre forward, Withe, did not materialize because Lloyd has injured The experienced Bradd took his place.

game but they were seldom in a position to do so. Most of the position to do so. Most of the game they spent inside their our half and they consistently failed in their line kicking from such penalties that came their way.

It is this matter of penalties which has plagued the Australians throughout the tour: they give away far too many on technicalities, and the Welsh captain, Gareth Davies, will pust h them if it happens again in Cordiff on Saturday.

Committed as they became from the opening nervous seconds to a wholehearted and, it should be added, exceptionally sucessful defence—whatever their original intentions—Pontypride arrely gained attacking momentum save at the

attacking momentum save at the start of the second half.

Jones reinforced his backs, there was a charge round the blind side by Newland which captivared the crowd. With the Australians showing an unwanted propensity for losing the ball in the tackle, there were local hopes of at least getting on terms.

The try line, however, remained

work of the two locks will have pleased Sir Nicholas Shehadle, the Australian manager. Roche had another game bristling with vim but it was Lucas who was the more constructive player. It was not his fault that his colleagues falled to make headway against a club side in which two more flankers. Shellard and Jones, stood our.

Shellard, swift to selze on anything loose, disrupted the Australiand coustant pressure on the tourists' midfield. Despite his attentions, however, Mark Ella gave a much more decisive performance than some he has offered on tour, an advergement, perhaps for the parents flew into Britain with an Australian supporters' party yesterday morning.

In addition, Mark Ella kicked the two penalties which won the same both of them eifts by anything loose, G. Smith, James, J. Pirichard, S. Figura, A. Cartwright: M. Pirichard, S. Figura, G. Cartwright: M. Pirichard, S. Figura, P. Griga, P. Gri yesterday morning.

In addition, Mark Ells kicked the two penalties which won the game, both of them gifts by anyone's standards. He had already missed with a none too difficult sighter, but made no mistake from 12 and 15 metres respectively.

The first came after offside by Pontypridd after. Loane had driven on from a ruck; the second when the home backs stood offside at a man. Together they overhanied the penalty kicked by Hodgkinson after Cox. a shade harshly, was penaltied for a late tackle on Flynn.

Pontypridd, in their original selection, bad given notice that yesterday.

Happy birthday, Ripley

By Gordon Allan
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Rossiyn Park were too quick,
slick and experienced for Notringham at Roehampton last evening.
They won by three goals, three
tries and a dropped goal to two
penalty goals, it was Park's tenth
win in auccession, Ripley scored
two tries on his birthday and
Graves, the former Bedford
player who joined Park this season, scored a try and kicked three
conversions.

son, scored a try and kicked three conversions.

Graves scored soon after the start, Nottingham were forced to kick the ball over their own lins and from the five-metre scrummage Dewey and Stothard first set up a ruck for Park and then switched play to the short side. The next score was a dropped goal by Thornton from an indirect penalty in front of the posts, Murphy mislaid the ball at a Nottingham heel, Edmonds picked up and Thornton ran infor Park's second try, which Graves converted.

Hodgkinson kicked a penalty for Nottingham but it was only a polite interruption. Ripley appeared on the wing at the god

appeared on the wing at the end of a three-quarter movement and charged through several tackles

for a characteristic try in the corner, converted by Graves, to give Park a 19—3 lead at the interval. It accurately reflected the way the game had gone.

Park were at it again in the second half, Noningham's pass-

ing broke down in midfield, not for the first time, and Gi'l dribbled through for a try. Hodginson kicked another penalty for Nottingham—another politic interruption because Park were more and more baving things their own way.

Seothard, borne in on a wave of bis own forwards; scored their fifth try when they beeled against one head adjacent to the Nottingham corner stag. There was a dust-up between the two packs in the process, the only such incident of the match. Notingham, ever willing, mounted one or two stracks towards the end but Ripley, fatingly, had the last word with a breakaway my, again on the wing. Graves converted.

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Glasgow have made seven per somei changes and one positional in their team to meet Edinburgh in the inter-city at Rughenden next Saturday. Three inter-nationals, Jimmy and Bryan Goss-man and Cumbertson return.

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Yachting

Flyer breaks more than the record

From Barry Pickthall
Auckland, Dec 2
With thousands lining clifftops, harbour walls and other vantage points and many more in spectator craft, greeting the leaders in the Round the World race, Auckland gained an unofficial public holiday yesterday.

Flyer was the first to receive this rousing welcome abortly after dawn, when the 76-foot Dutch sloop, skippered by Cornelis van Rietschoten, crossed the line to set a new record for the 7,100-mile voyage from Cape Town of 30 days 4 hours 27 minutes.

Eight hours later it was Ceramo New Zeoland's turn to run the gauntlet through hun-Front Barry Pickthall ceramon new Zeolada's turn to from the gauntlet through hun-dreds more spectator craft in Waitemata harbour to lead on handicap. Both yachts suffered considerable damage during the race through the Southern (Acan, with blown-out sails and Accan, with blown-out sails and breaking sheets
"We seem to break something every sax hours", a tired but happy van Rictschoten told me when he stepped ashore.
"Our boom snapped in two places one week out from Cape Town when Flyer rolled in a vicious broach. It took us 12 hours to repair it and, during that time when we were still.

that time when we were still surfing down those huge seas at 20 knots or more under poled-out Genoas, we also damaged the pole dipped into the water the mast attachment broke and the mast attachment broke under the pressure, catapulting the spar into the mast.

For the record

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Clay pigeon shooting

Whether George Best can revive his career in the Football League and even play in the World Cup finals in Spain next year may be discovered as Middlesbrough. The former Manchester United player, who is now 35, is said to be happy with Middlesbrough's terms. Mr Bingham said: "The door is not closed to any player at this stage. Every player who is eligible will be considered on finess and form when I name my provisional 40 for the World Cup finals next April." Snooker

Davis is favourite to stay the distance By Sydney Friskin

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Steve Davis, the world title holder, faces a strong challenge today from Jimmy White in the semi-final round of the United Kingdom championship, sponsored by Coral, at the Guild Hall. Preston. Davis won this title last year to begin a sequence of fire triumphs which, by the end of September this year, brought his winners' earnings to £55,000.

Few matches in the Preston winners' earnings to £55,000.

Few matches in the Preston event can have aroused as much interest as today's meeting hetween these two young Londoners; Davis is aged 23 and White 19. Barely a month ago White beat Davis in the final of the Northern Ireland classic in Belfast. He had earlier beaten Davis on the way to winning the Scottish Masters title in Glasgow.

For Davis, however, the best is probably yet to be although he had two successive century breaks is probably yer to be although he had two successive century breaks in his second round match against Willie Thorne. His 9—5 win over Bill Werbeniuk was not particularly inspiring. But in comparison to White his play remains more consistent and more refined.

White, by virtue of his achievements looks more matchingth. White, by virtue of his achieve-ments, looks more matchworthy. In the first round he defeated John Virgo, the winner of the UK tide in 1979, in the second round he eliminated the Irish champion. Dennis Taylor, and in the quarter-final round, beat the six times world champion, Ray Reardon, in a thrilling finish

Search, in a triving main 9–8.

For the second time in about a month Reardon had a costly miss on the last red of a deciding frame. At Reading in the final of

the world team championship he could have cleared the table but he missed the last red and leri it on for Davis, who went on to win the match and the title for England.

Waite's new colffure has altered his general appearance. His style of play, too, has changed as he has curbed his impersosity and given more thought to racics and safety ploys. He has flair but will need to match Davis for concentration in today's 17-frame match. The distance must favour Davis.

In the lower half of the draw Terry Griffiths, world champion in 1979 who has yet to whi the United Kingdom title, reached the semi-final round on Monday night with a 9-5 win over Tony Knowles, of Bolton, another rising young player. Griffiths found his her form in the realth frame to

Knowles, of Bolton, another rising young player. Griffiths found his best form in the twelfth frame to compile a brilliant break of 131 which ended when the black hovered over one of the corner pockets.

The highest break for the championship is 139 by Graham Miles but Griffiths is in line for the prize of £1,000 offered for the highest break in the current tournament, having beaten the previous best fointly achieved by Davis, Kirk Stevens and Alex Higgins. Griffiths' victory has brought his odds down to 9-2 as second favourite behind 2-1 on Davis, Jimmy White 5-1, Higgins 7-1



World title holder, Steve Davis in winning frame of mind.

Real tennis

A bridge too far for Cull and Johnson

By Roy McKelvie

The two leading pairs were in action in the Open doubles championship, sponsored by Unigate, at Queen's Club yesterday. The Australians, Wayne Davies and Lachlan Deuchar, out-hit the amateurs Jeremy Reiss and Jonathan Walsh by 6-1, 6-1, 6-5 and Christopher Ronaldson and Michael Deam were too strong for David Culi and David Johnson, winning 6-1, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

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These two winning pairs reached the scul-final, where tomorrow Davies and Deuchar will meet Kevin Sheidon and Peter Dawes. Ronaldson and Dean will play Peter Scabrook and John Ward, the only amateur team remaining.

Ronaldson and Dean were more aggressive and possessed a heavier armounty than Cull and Johnson who, tidy players though they are, had few punishing strokes. The winning openings off the tambour, and under the grille, came mostly from Ronaldson and Dean although the former did sometimes appear casual. Johnson, when given the chance, found the dedans and was particularly positive in the third set. It needed the utmost concentration from the winners to take the fourth set.

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Ice skating

Miss Wood's repertoire is more extensive than her opponent's

Three events are included in hampionships, sponsored by full Broadcast, at Richmond oday and tomorrow but the deciding factor in the event of a tle.

Miss Wood also to the communication of the event of a tle. multi Broadcast, at Richmond today and tomorrow, but one, the women's championship, occupies nearly all the attention. It presents two fascinating competitions in one, a tussle for the title between Karen Wood (Decside) and Debble Cottrill, once of Solitnili; but now trained in Lake Placid. New York, and a scramble for the bronze medal with the glittering prospect of a place in the British world championship team in Copenhagen in March.

Miss Cottrill won the British title three years ago at 16, but was surprisingly dislodged in 1980 by Karena Richardson, now a professional, and, just as surprisingly, was beaten last year by Miss Wood. On both eccasions international competition was later to show that domestic results were no reliable guide, particularly under the new scoring system.

Miss Wood, also 19, seemed the more confident of the two in practice yesterday, and her repertoire is the more extensive, with five triple jumps, the toe loop (twice), loop, salchow and lutz. The triple lutz, a highly advanced exercise, so far eludes Miss Cottrill, now trained by Emmerich Danzer, former world champion for Austria.

International competition last year offered the further curiosity in addition to the reversal of British form, of Miss Costull's sixth place in Europe and fourth in the world. This allows us three places in Copenhagen, but only two in the European in Lyons. by Karena Richardson, now a professional, and, just as surprisingly, was beaten last year by Miss Wood. On both occasions international competition was later to show that domestic results were no reliable guide, particularly under the new scoring system.

Miss Cottrill, whose career has been plagued with injury, was out of action for the whole of last summer because of foot ailments, one of which required surgery. Her free skating may therefore be suspect, particularly as her right foot is not fully healed. She should win the figure section, worth 30 per cent of the marks, and possibly the short programme (20 per cent), but she will be vulnerable pm), augmented by exhibitions



Miss Cottrill: her free skating may be suspect.

It is 1902 and Madge Syers is the turn of the century

Women's Lib gets its skates on

Dennis Bird

International style—the kind of the world championship)

International champions it is the centenary of the birds of the first winner of the singles of the world kladge as his pupil and partner, taught her the compulsory figures and free skating, and with her won the NSA's first pair skating competition in 1899. Next year they were second in an international pairs event in Berlin and on June 23, 1900 they increased on her other sport interests. She was a keen of the position of the position of the point of the pairs. Thereafter she gave the pairs skating and competitive skating and competitive skating and competitive skating.

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In 1902 the world figure skating of the world championship) instituted in 1906 at Davos; in 1906 in London she react the pair skating and with Edgar was third the pair skating and competitive skating and competitive skating and competitive skating and competitive skating. As figure skaters from all over itain couverge on Richmond Ice Britain converge on Richmond Ice Rink for the national champion-ships today and tomorrow it is worth noting that this winner marks the centenary of the birth of the first winner of the singles title. She was a determined, vivacious and popular girl who, under her married name of Madge Syers, was also the first Olympic champion in women's skazing.

To mark the occasion she has just been posthumously elected to the United States Pigure Skating Association's Hall of Fame in their museum at Colorado Springs and a commemorative plaque is to he presented to her niece, Mrs Kathleen Lankester, during this week's British championships.

Mrs Syers was born Piorence Madeleine Cave, one of 15 children of Edward Jarvis Cave. She took up ice skating when she was 15 in the mid-1890s and with her sister, Beatrice, competed in waltzing competitions. Beatrice, who lived until 1971 when she was 92, was Mrs Lankester's mother.

Madge Cave became expert in the English style of skating, which included evolutions in formation by mixed teams of four; in 1899 she was one of C. Ernest Bell's train which won the Challenge Shield, the premier award of the National Skating Association. About this time she met the man who was to change her skating style and her life. Rink for the national champion-

ho was to change her skating yie and her life. He was Edmir M. W. Syers 363-1946)), 18 years her senior.

man who is 1903 was founder and first president of the Sid Club of Great Britain. Himself a former English-style skator, he had been improved in Sudbentund by the Switzeria freedom of movement of the new national event for women (later

Berlin and on June 23, 1900 they were married in Paddington.

In 1902 the world figure skating championship was held in London and Madge made it the occasion for a startling and unprecedented challenge to the male dominance of the sport. When the listernational Skating Union founded their championships in the 1890s no one thought it necessary to state that they were for meh only; it was unthinkable in those days that women should attempt the athletic leaps and physically demanding spins of international-style free skating.

However, the unthinkable often happens. Madge was accustomed to skating with and against men in the English styles; she did not see why international events should be any different. So seven decades before women's liberation, she sent in her entry form. The ISU were aghast but there was no rule to prevent her competing. Ulrich Salchow, of Sweden, retained his world title but Mrs Syers beat several men and finished second.

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After that she was rarely beaten. When the NSA established their 'own championship in the new style she became British title holder in 1903 and 1904, beating her husband on the second occasion. A separate inter-

the world championship) was instituted in 1906 at Davos; Mrs Syers won and successfully de-fended in 1907 in Vienna. fended in 1907 in Vienna.

In 1908 in London she reached the peak of her career. She became the first Olympic gold medallist in women's figure skaring and with Edgar was third in the pairs. Thereafter she gave up competitive skating and concentrated on her other sporting interests. She was a keen claypigeon shooter and a swimmer; she won the Roll Life-Saving Society's diving contests at Highgate in 1911 and 1912. She loved dogs and shorses and was an ardent member of the Society for the Protection of Birds.

When the First World War. the Protection of Birds,

When the First World Warbroke out there were few opportunities for wealthy society ladies
like Mrs Syers to take an active
part in the war effort but she did
what she could. She qualified for
the British Red Cross Society's
first-sid certificate, like many
other women who wanted to give
a hand as sunillaries in hospitals
for wounded soldiers.

She was soon to need medical aid herself. On August 22, 1917 she gave birth prematurely to a daughter, Josephine, who lived only 12 hours. Eighteen days later on September 9 Mrs Syers berself died of heart failure after the complications of childbirth. So passed at the age of only
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So Britain's first world and
Olympic skading champion, of
whom one journal wrote in 1911:
"She is in a class by berself.
Her skading seems to be one of
those perfectly beautiful things
which appeal almost as much to
the emotions as to be the
senses."

Dennis Bir

Motor racing

Spectre of the 800 bhp petrol guzzler

Petrol guzzler

By John Blunsden

The forbidding prospect of 800 bhp grand prix cars consuming so much fuel that they have to stop for a complete refull half-way through a race is a possibility under the current formula one rule, according to Keith Backworth, chairman of Cosworth Engineering and designer of the Ford DFV grand prix engine.

Mr Duckworth, an outspoken advocate of a change in formula which would put the accent of success on fuel efficiency rather than on power regardless of the cost, was speaking at a reteption in London yesterday when a panel headed by Prince Michael of Kent announced that for the second time he was to receive the Ferodo Trophy for the outstanding Commonwealth contribution to the sport during the year.

Mr Duckworth first took the award in 1967, when his threelitre engine first appeared. At the time he gave it a potential useful life-span of two to three years, yet in its fourteenth year it has powered the winner of eight of this season's 15 grand prix as well as the cars of the new world champion driver and contructor, and its DFX derivative has won the Indianapolis 500 race

Next year, which could well see the 150th grand prix success for the engine which has been the most stabilizing influence on formula one racing during the past decade and a half, may well mark its swan-song as a competitive power unit.

"In October 1980, when agreement was reached to reduce the fuel capacity of grand prix cars and to ban refuelling from 1983, it looked as though we would still have a chance against the fuel-thirsty turbos," Mr Duckworth said. "But last April, as part of the Concord Agreement, Ferrari slipped in a last-minute rule change when most of the other teams were preoccupied

Cycling

Belgians may dominate first stage

By John Wilcockson
In the past two years the Sealink International has started in The Netherlands and France but in 1982 its 463 miles route begins at Ostend in Belgium with a short time trial prologue on April 19. The finish, as usual, will be in Manchester the following Saturday.

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A difficult opening awaits the field of 60 amateurs, which is expected to include teams representing all the countries served by Sealink ferries. The Belgians will be particularly keen to do well on the first stage proper, which starts and funishes in Ostend and covers 70 miles in the classic cycle racing terrain of West Flanders. One high point of this stage will be the steep, cobbled climb of the Kemmelberg, an obstacle in many classic Belgian events.

After the stage, the teams, officials and race journalists will be taken by ferry to Dover and by road to an overnight stop in Folkestone. On April 21, the riders will be faced by their longest day of 121 miles split into two separate races. The first, of 71 miles, will take them across Kent to Gravesend; the second, after a lunchtime drive through the Dartford tunnel, will be a 50-mile sprint across Essex from Basildon to Harlow.

The organizers have not included a ream time trial, which proved an unpopular inclusion in this year's event, therefore a more closely fought finish is likely than the one dominated by Czechoslovakia and East Germany lass April.

The penultimate stage of 53 miles from Peterborough to Sheffield's Norfolk Park could prove decisive, but a more conclusive result is expected out the final 73 miles to Manchester. This stage traces an intricate route through the Peak District, including the infamous Cat and Fiddle Pass

Rugby League Great Britain

at full

Strength at last

By Keith Macklin

For the first time in mine international matches, the Great Britain managers, Colin Hutton and John Whiteley, are able to announce that the team to play France at Hull next Sunday is unchanged from the original selection. In all previous games under the management pair, Creat Britain. Great Britain under the management pair, Great Britain, Great Britain Under-24 and England teams have had to be chopped and changed, often at the last minute, through

often at the last minute, inrough injuries.

There was the usual scare before yesterday's announcement of a clean bill of health. David Ward, the Leeds hooker who will captain Great Britain, had missed last Sunday's league game at Wigan and there were fears that his badly bruised chest would not stand up to rigorous examination. However, Ward passed a fitness test and will lead the Great Britain team in the first of the two internationals against France. The most interesting aspect of the side in the new-look halfback, pairing. Hartley, the free-scoring Hull Kingston Rovers stand-off half, is paired with the lively new Widnes scrum half, Gregory, in a volatile, unfried and potentially match-winning partnership behind the scrum. The Great Britain team is:

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forced France to make two changes to the side which faces Great Britain. Ratier of Letignan has been called into the centre to replace Laumond of Villefrance and Sciechiano of Le Poutet Carrier in at several half for Alexi comes in at scrum half for Alard of Carcassonne.

Racing

A victorious O'Neill has all the answers

John O'Neill rode back in triumph to the ungaddling enclosure after winning the Vaux Breweries Novices. Stephechase qualifier on Reak Na Nona at Wetherby yesterday. The smile of happiness on the 29-year-old tristman's face was matched by the delighted shouts of supporters which greeted O'Neill after his 13-month absence from the track. The crowd of 3.000 was '50 ner which greeted O'NeIII after his 13-month absence from the track. The crowd of 3,000 was '50 per cent up on last year.

He came up to the press room afterwards to answer a myriad questions. "How did it feel?" we asked. "Brilliant", he replied. "There are no words to describe the thrill."

The sheer joy of living and of having been in action once again shone from the former champion's eyes. O'Neiii exudes that inner feeling of contentment that only springs from a man at peace with himself and with a happy family behind him. Both the jockey's wife, Shella, and his two and a half-year-old daughter were there to welcome him back.

Not that O'Neiii lacks devilment, as those who have watched this human tornado hurling his horses at the fences can testify." Take it easy? Not on your life "he said. "I'm a free lance and will ride for anyone who asks me." It is obviously too late in the season for him to become a contender for his third championship. But John Francome and Peter Scudamore had better look to their laurels next season.

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O'Neill confessed to having felt a little puffed after finishing nuplaced on Billy Kip, his first of four mounts during the day.
"After that I was fine. Not, a twinge of pain from my leg. And I was able to kick as hard as I liked." He wears a protective pad between his shin-guard and his leg, but O'Neill has finished with his specialist until he goes for a check-up in three mouths' time.

Realt Na Nona had sprinted away from Donjill after immping the last fence to win by two lengths. But the mare had become a little outpaced approaching the final bend. "You have to sit and suffer on her as she likes to do things her own way". O'Nelli said.

Peter Easterby, the trainer, was his usual non-committal self.
Privately the champion trainer raves about O'Neilt, but his guard was up when he was interviewed for the local television.
"Yea, I suppose I did miss him. Winy? Because he's a good jockey. In fact he's the Best there is", he admitted in a rare moment of candour.

This afternoon O'Neill has four. moment of candour.

This afternoon O'Neill has four mounts booked at Ayr, where his best chance of winning is probably on the consistent Hot Presence in the second division of the Lagg Novices Burdle. The best het at the Scorpish course should be Cash in Hand

Lucky Wayward Lad? Two burning questions at Huntingdon yesterday were would Wayward Lad have won the Peterborough Steeplechase had Pairy King not fallen at the last fence and is something wrong with the two new fences in the home straight? the Press Association reports the fences, built this season, are causing connern after being responsible for numerous horse and jockey casualties yesterday and at previous Huntingdon meetings.

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Before Fairy King fell, when just ahead of Wayward Lad, there were eight casualties at the two fences in the Tetworth Novices Steeplechase, including Basanimoor, who broke his back and was destroyed. The clerk of the course, Hugo Bevan, said:

"No jockeys have complained to me, but I am going to look inm the situation very closely. A lot of horses seem to crumple on landing."



Man's best friend: O'Neill and Realt Na Nona can enjoy

FORTWELL PARK PROGRAMME

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RARE RAPTURE, (A Brazier) H Bessiey, 8-10-12
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PUITCH CHALLENGER, (M Heinmann) D Morthy, 4-10-12
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PHEASANT BROOE, 1W WIRKINS J Brafley, 4-10-9
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GREY FUSILIER (CD), (7 Heyserd) Mrs N Smith, 8-11-8.
THE HERB (CD), DAYS D Wrighterd lors D Oughton, 9-10-6.
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2.15 E COOMES HURDLE (Handicap: £3;225: 21/m) (14)

Ayr programme

12.30 LAGG HURDLE (Div I: novices: £578: 2m) (6 runners) 1.0 CARCLUIE CHASE (Handicap: £1,625; 2m) (5)

1.30 FISHERTON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,247: 2m) (8)

9-4 Pounentes, 7-2 Corker, 4 Lochrenzs, 5 Galatch, 8 High Hills, 10 Penscynor, 12 others

Wetherby results
Going: good.
12:30 (12:31) SIGERFIELD HURDLE (Selling
handless: 21,100: 2m)

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2.0 (2.4) TADCASTER HURDLE (3yo novices 2 30 (2 32) HARROGATE CHASE (Handicap: £1,567·25m (100yda) HRTIBLARYAL, ch g by Articulate-Mavale (R Beeson) 8-11-3

Doniti G Bradley (9-4) 2
Why Ferget R Lamb (3-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 17p. places, 13p. 15p. Dost F:
18p. CSF, 42p. M H Besterby at Matton, 2,
20l. Cocked Hat Trades (25-1) 4th, 7 ran. 3.15 WORTHING HURDLE (Div II: novices: £552: 21/m) (13)

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Fontwell Park selections

By Michael Seely 12.45 Ask Me Nicely. 1.15 Chance Flight. 1.45 The Herb. 2.15 Tea-Pot. 2.45 Servilia. 3.15 Skeheens.

2.0 DUNURE CHASE. (Handicap: £1,831: 8m 110yds) (6) 4003pd- FARR VIEW, (M. Shone) G Fairbeim, 11-11-7
223-133
RED CLERIC (CD,B), (R Bingworth) M Resighton, 7-11-3
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GENERAL BRUNO (CD), (F Gibbon) F Gibbon, 11-10-0 15-5 Larry Bell, 8-4 Red Cleric, 4 What A Coup, 5 Stay Quiet, 5 General Bruno, 10 Fair

2.30 CARWINSHOCH CHASE (Novices: £1,242: 2m) (6) 8-13 Kumbi, 4 Viscount, 6 Spartan Rod, 10 Lord Melbourne, 15 Keren Park, 25 high Kype. 3.0 LAGG HURDLE (Div II: novices: £578: 2m) (7)

20-13 MY UNCLE SAM, IR Reynolds) J Katllewell, 5-11-3 S Kottlewell 7
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SUPREME BID, (J. Cadogan) N Crump, 4-10-7 C Hawkins Ayr selections

12.30 CASH IN HAND is specially recommended. 1.0 Percipient. 1.30 Pounentes. 2.0 Stay Quiet. 2.30 Kumbi. 3.0 Hot Pretence.

Huntingdon results

107E: Win; 75p; places; 23p, 13p, 48p. Dusi F: £1.02. CSF: £4.29, M Dictionen at Herewood. 2½, 3l. Cobblers Castle 3-1 fav. Another Dragon (11-2) 4th, 19 ran. MF: Trempler

CYPO. ch g by Prelo — Cyprid.
7-11-4 — Burke (SO-1) 2
Cushendall — Mr S Andrews (SO-1) 2
Denton — S J G Nelli (23-1) 3 TOTE: Wir, 27.64; places; \$1.65, \$2.13, 330, Dual F 215, 10. CSF: \$05.52, A Jarvia at 300, Dual F 215, 10. New Syrlo and Toy Master 9-4 it fave. 11 res. NR: Nickle

2 30 (2.34) PETERBOROUGH CHASE (\$2,351: 21/m)

3 00 (3.1) BEDFORD CHASE (Handless £1,640: 3m 100yd) PRDE OF TENNESSEE b g by Mauter Owen — Dromos 8-10-1 C Khona (1.14) C Kinene (11-4) 1
------ A Wabber (8-4 lav) 2
------ B R Davies (9-2) 2 Princely Bid A Wabber (8-4 tax) 2
Lasten B R Daviss (9-2) 3
TOTE Wirt, 55tp places; 22p, 13p, Dusl F: 38p, CSF: 67p, J Giffont at Findon. 10l, 12l. Valicen Express (8-1) 4(h, 7 ren. 3.30 (3.35) PAXTON HURDLE (OH II

'Faceless' man of the sales is unmasked

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent Racing Correspondent
Hardiy a year goes by without a new buyer of interest emerging during Tattersall's December sales at Newmarket. This year is no exception, even though the auctioneer saw fit to remark "whoever they happen to be "after he had knocked down a mare to an unfamiliar face representing International Thoroughbred Breeders Incorporated.

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In the future, auctioneers are unlikely to be quite so cheeky, because the man who made that successful bid was Kerry Fitzpatrick, who may be an increasingly familiar figure in the big sale houses of the world. Mr Fitzpatrick is the president and chief executive of ITB, thought to be the first public company set up to deal in bloodstock, primarily in the buying of mares and shares in stallions.

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The company, based midway between New York and Philadelphia, receives a daily quotation in the Wall Street Journal, and has been in existence for only 13 months, but already it has assets valued at \$18m and nearly 10,000 shareholders flocked to buy shares when they were put on the market at a dollar a time on April 1. Before this week began those assets already included 50 mares and the same number of shares in top-class stallions. Air Fitzpatrick has wasted little time in adding to them by shelling out nearly \$2500,000 on Monday and yesterday buying seven lots.

An American with no Irish

day buying seven lots.

An American with no Irish blood in his veins, despite his name, Mr Fitzpatrick, aged 41, is the driving force behind ITB, but he concedes that the whole operation would never have get off the ground without the financial and moral backing of Robert Brennan, who is widely regarded in the United States as one of the most dynamic financiers on Wall Street. Mr Fitzpatrick himself is not exactly short on monetary know-how, having grown up in the banking world, but his heart has always been with horses.

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has always been with horses.

He copied the Idea of managing syndicates from a fellow American, Cothran Campbell, six years ago before he finally decided to take the plunge and set up his present company 13 months ago. Yesterday he explained that the tax laws in the United States put companies and individuals at a considerable advantage over their counterparts in this country, Because of those advantages his company has leased two thirds of the mares it owns to investors, raking in 20 it owns to investors, raking in 20 per cent of the mares overall value and pertiag almost 54m in a relatively short time.

relatively short time.

ITB were the biggest individual buyers at the recent breeding stocks sale in Lexington Kentucky conducted by Fasig-Tipton. Their purchases there included the 1978 1000 Guineas winner. Enstone Spark, who was in foal to our Derby winner Roberto. Only last week Fitzpatrick paid 300,000 Irish guineas at Goffs for Hardiemma, whose son Shirley Heights won the Derby and the Irish Derby in the same year that Enstone Spark scored her great triumph. Hardiemma was in foal to Great Nephew, the sire of, amongst others, Grundy and Shergar. The day's top price of 220,000 guineas was for Moravie, by Northera Dancer and a three-part sister to Dancing Maid, another high class filly. Moravie was bought for the Cardiff stud in California by Richard Calpin, chairman of the Newmarket Bloodstock Agency.

Kelleway fined over drug

A breakdown in communications between the Newmarket
trainer, Paul Kelleway, and racecourse officials led to Kelleway
being fined £400 at a Jockey Club
inquiry in London yesterday, A
urine sample taken from Ribo
Charter after he finished second
at Lingfield Park in May contained Lignocuine, an anaesthetic
drug.

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee were told that Ribo Charter had arrived at the race-course stables at Lingfield the evening before the race. The horse injured his nose in the stabl and while being treated he was injected with a local anaesthenc by the racecourse veterinary surgeon. However, Kelleway said that the veterinary surgeon did not tell him the borse had been given the injection until the jockeys had mounted in the parade ring moments before the race.

Kelleway, aged 41, explained

Kelleway, aged 41. explained after yesterday's inquiry: "Ribo Charter cut his nose in the stables the evening before the race, and as the horse is hard to deal with the racecourse veter-inary surgeon gave him an anaesthetic while the wound was

Newton Abbot

12.45: 1, Sternidge Vallay (13-2): 3. Royal Baize (9-2): 3, Marine (9-1), Banknate 5-1 fav. 16 ran. 1.15: 1. Joeks Sund (2-1 (av.): 2. Godfrey Socundus (16-1); 3. Candy VI (7-1); 10 ran. 1.45: 1. Original Step (11-2); 2. Solid Rock (6-4 (av.): 3. Run To Mo (11-1); 16 Fan. 111-1: 16 ran,
1.16 1, Long John (7-2 fav); 2.
Risk n Hore (13-2:) 5. Emperor
Namoleon (13-2:); 4. Chica's Beau
(3-1); 16 ran, NR: Toalley Able.
2.45: 1. Silversmith (2-1): 2.
Waltrer (90-1); 3. New Dance (90-1).
Faulous 5-4 fav. 10 ran.
3.15: 1. Toslouse (6-1): 2. Hever
14-11: 3. Sue Lark (5-1): 4. Luxuriste (15-2). Whisky Co Go 9-4 fav.
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Athletics

Call for marathon registration and fee system

Athletics Correspondent Chris Brasher, the race director of the London Marathon, suggested yesterday that British athletics should take advantage suggested yesterday that advantage of the huge financial potential of the event. Over £200,000 has been returned to runners who cannot be accepted for next year's race on Sunday, May 9.

Mr Brasher said: "We are wasting an opportunity we have never had before. We have great athletes like Coe and Overt, but lack decent facilities. I would like to see a registration system for everyone who wants to enter a marathon, with a fee to be paid into the sport every year."

He explained that at the moment only a pound from each runner in the London Marathon not attached to a club went into athletics, amounting to between \$8,000 and £10,000. Entry forms for next year were sent out to 90,000 amplicants from ever were the sent out to go only a pound from each runner in the condensation of the sent year were sent out to 90,000 amplicants from every were

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Although the police would allow up to 20,000 runners to take part, the organizers cannot cope with more than 16,000. The race will again begin at Greenwich, but the site of the Huish has not been decided. The Department of the Environment has not yet given permission for The Mall to be used. The finish could be Trafalgar Square or Westminster.

The organizers still hope permission will be given for The Mall to be used, and Jimmy Savile, who ran last year, says he will write to the Queen to ask permission. He said yesterday: "It is a tremendous event and if we can run down The Mall



Brasher: lack of decent

it will make a big difference 11. He intends running again next He intends running again next year.

Savile said: "The marathon has given me a new lease of life. It has given me more pleasure than the pop scene in the sixtles with the Beatles." Last year he took four hours to finish, but recently be ran 3hr. 48min.

Enthusiasm for the race is such that 35,000 entries have had to be rejected. The organizers originally wanted 14,000 to run but they will now accept a further 2,000. The names will be decided by lottery.

Badminton

Mrs Gilks withdraws

Gillian Gilks, unhappy at being seeded No 3, has withdrawn from the English national championshops at Coventry from December 11 to 13. She claimed in a letter to the Badminton Association that it would seriously affect her commercial interests.

commercial interests.

Mrs Gilks was expected to defend the singles title she had won eight times previously. She was to the easier half of the draw and still had an excellent chance of reaching the final. Mrs Gilks was expected to play the unseeded Karen Bridge, of Surrey, in the quarter-finals and then the No 2 seed, Jane Webster, of Suffolk, in the semi-finals.

Consequently, Mrx Gilks, who said she would still compete in the doubles, may be in trouble again with the England hadminton authorities. A spokesman said yesterday that she was in breach of regulations by withdrawing from the championships without good reason.

Mrs Gilks said: "I considered it an insult to be ranked outside the top two. That is why I pulled out. I am ranked No 1 in the country, the defending champion, and have won the title eight times. There is no one else in the championship who has ever won the title, so I cannot see the justification for seeding me as they have done."

Tennis

Miss Allen loses | Bournemouth to Mrs Cawley and her support

Melbourne, Dec 1.—Evonne Cawley, of Australia, making her third comeback, beat Leslie Allen, of the United States, in the second round of the Australian Open here

today.

Mrs Cawley, the former Wimbicdon champion, who has become champion, who has returned to the game after the birth of her second child, fought back from 4—2 down in the final set to gain a 5—7, 6—3, 6—4

victory.

Miss Allen later criticized the crowd who, in their overwhelming aupport for Mrs Cawley, regularly clapped the American's errors. The unseeded Miss Allen, who was The unsceded Miss Ailen, who was close to tears at a press conference afterwards, said: "I could tell how many mistakes I made by the way the crowd applauded. If I hit a winner there was a whisper of an ovation".

Mrs Cawley said she was slightly embarrassed by the applause. "I feel for the other player, but on the other hand I am at home and it's great that they are behind me", the eighth seed added.

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RESULTS (Australians unless marches of the control o

saved by sponsors

The British hard court champlonships at Bournemouth have teen saved by a new three-year agreement with the sponsors. State Express. But there will be no women's tournament.

The future of the champion-ships, once among the most important tournaments in the international rennis calendar, has been in doubt. Now, the Lawn Tennis Association have agreed that the 1982 championships, staged at Bournemouth from April 20 to 25, will carry prize money of £55,555 and have a new ticle—the State Express Tennis Classic. It will be a

money of £55,555 and have a new title—the State Express Tennis Classic. It will be a part of the Volvo grand prix circuit and have 32 competitors in singles and doubles. The LTA hope to stage a women's tournament at a different venue during the same week.

Jim Cochrane, the LTA chairman, said: "We have to face the cold reality that we cannot return to the days when all the leading lady tennis players in the world graced the courts at Bournemouth. We have bad long discussions with the Women's Tennis Association but can come to no agreement. Consequently and regretably we have had to drop the women's events from the programme."

Bournemouth is to stage an "over 35" event for men. This has already attracted entries from the former.

has already attracted entries from the Nastase and the former American Davis Cup player Charlie Pasarell. Mr Cochrane said he was delighted that the new agreement with the sponsors would give the LTA the opportunity to rebuild the fournament and set these to its "former and set the training to the training training to the training training to the training t (US), and get it back to its "former

Stroll down Memory Lane with a furious driver

By Peter Ryde By Peter Ryde
Pat Ward-Thomas, for many
years golf correspondent of
The Guardian and still writing
off a low handicap for Country
Life, has produced an autobiography (Not Only Golf, Hodder
and Stoughton, 17,95) covering
the time from the day when he
parachuted from a Wellington
homber over the Netherlands
until the time, some 40 years
later, when he came to earth
among the pheasants in a corner
of Norfolk.

among the presents in a corner of Norfolk.

In the years between the author mingled with the exalted in the world of golf, enabling him to throw uncommon light on the heroes of the game in the period broadly covered by the Big Three—Palmer, Player, and Nicklaus. One might be tempted to describe the book as a pleasant stroll down Memory Lane, were not strolling too leisurely a word for one who has tumed away so many hours in airport lounges and driven so many frenzied miles towards the next destination.

Car-park attendants throughout Car-park attendants throughout the world, and not a few waiters, would fail to appreciate the truth of Alistair Cooke's reference to the author's "unfailing geniality to man . . ." Anything that impeded his progress roused his fury. He reserved a specially strong brand of it for inanimate oblers—mislaid ann alesses the objects—musicid sun glasses, the car in front, those crazy stamp machines to be found in American hotel lobbles (he nearly

American hotel lobbles (he nearly had one up by its roots in Cleveland).

Such impatience might be attributed to the years spent belind harbed wire, but deprivation of that kind is more likely to accentuate qualities already implanted. I prefer to think that his sense of urgency arnse from a deep concern for, and love of, his job. He gave it everything. A fiery nature, an eye for beauty, a poetic streak—the last two characteristics come over

strongly in his writing—probably owe as much to the Welsh blood in him as to anything else.

What the prison camp gave him, the book suggests, was the chance to develop his passion for sport. His account of golf in Stalag Luft III, which has become a minor classic of its kind, provides a powerful lead-in to his later years. He has also derived much pleasure from cricket, and these two aspects of his career are reasons for giving the book the name that he has, even though his devotion to golf has been absolute.

There is another reason. The title owes something to the style in which the book is written. He is not concerned in it with run of is not concerned in it with run of play. He turns the pages of memory lightly and comes up with agreeable accounts, written in mellifunous language, of meeting nice people in nice places. He has made friends with his beroes and introduces the reader with a light touch to their circle.

Perhaps more than any of his contemporaries he has felt the irritations of a journalist's daily routine, but his writing does not show that. What comes through in the book, rather, is the sound, when work is finished, of ice including in a large selection. tinking in a glass enjoyed on a verandah with a view, and the asides, heard only by him, of those who played principal roles in the golfing dramas of the last quarter of a century.

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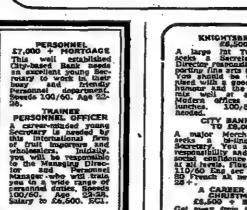
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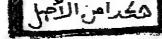
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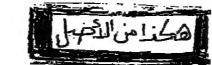
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again. This year has seen sales in Chestertons' six central London offices increase by 17 per cent with last October witnessing activity as substantial as the same month in 1980. But, according to Mr MacEacharn, the tide is beginning to turn and the agents are carrying far more property on their books than

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This year is hardly likely
to be remembered as the year
in which foreign buyers
dominated London's property
market. But a surprisingly high proportion of houses and flats was sold to overseas buyers. According to Chestertons, a third of all property they sold went to an overseas buyers buye



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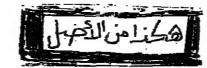
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Hawkins, 11,25 Closedown, 3,55 One
Man and His Dog. The BBC Television
International Sheepdog Championship
Introduced by Phil Drabble with Eric
Halsall. This first semifinal sees
Alastair Mundell of Scotland
competing against England's Raymond
Maccherence in addition the Brace n in addition the Brace Championship begins with Jim McConnell of Ireland facing Gwilym Jones from Wales (r).

3.55 Play School. For the under fives (shown artier on BBC 2) 4.20 Cartoon: Touché Turtie in Thumb Hero (r)

4.25 Jacksnory, Emily Richard reads the third part of Kate Seredy's The Good Master 4.40 The Record Breakers introduced by Roy Castle and Norris McWhirter 5.05 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 God's Wonderful Railway. The last programme in the series about the building of the Great Western Railway (r)

5.40 News with Richard Baker 6.00 Regional news magazines 6.25 Nationwide 6.55 Film: The Rare Breed (1966) starring James Stewart and Maureen O'Hara. A lady and her daughter arrive in Texas with a Hereford bull hoping to make their fortunes The ranchers are chary about letting the buil mate with a Texas Longhorn so the

enrichment process takes a little longer than expected 8.30 Wiffred and Eileen. The fourth and final episode in the love story based on fact. The wounds inflicted during the First World War are affecting their relationship

9.25 Sportsnight Introduce by Harry Carpenter. There are highlights of one of lonight's.

10.50 Parkinson: His guests tonight are Michael Foot and Spike Milligan

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Football League Cup fourth round matches; Ladies' Downhill Ski-ing from Val d'Isere; Figure Skating from Richmond Ice Rink;

and news of the United Kingdom Professional Snocker Championship from

9.00 News with John Humphrys

Preston ...

11.43 News headlines

12.10 Weather

4.35 Young Musicians 1980. Rowens Wilkinson (harp) plays Glinka's Variations on a Thame by Mozart (r).

BBC 2

ramme with advice for Asian ten. 10.45 Closedown. 11.00 Play

School, For the under fives introduced by Carol Leader and Don Spencer. Today there is a film story, Brocky the Badger, and it is told by Judy Hawkins, 11,25 Closedown, 3,55 One

10,20 Gharbar. A magazine

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4.40 Vikingel in this fourth film about the Viking world, Magnus Magnusson takes a look at the Viking city of York 5.10 The Flying Boats. The second of three films about the flying boats of the 1930s narrated by David Lomax (r).

5.40 The Five Faces of Dr Who. 6.05 Grange Hill. 6.35 Life on Earth. David

Attenborough and the Conquest of the Waters. 7.30 News, with sub-tities. 7.35 Cartoon Two (r) 7.50 Collecting Now. The last in the series and the learn goes looking

for bargains under a fiver. 8.20 Strangeways. Part five and a prisoner makes an allegation of brutality against a warder.

9.00 M"A"S"H. A young nurse's

embarrasising misunderstandings...

King of France.

9.25 The Borgies. Cesare, now beyond parental control, has captured Urbino with the help of Leonardo da Vinci, He now

Grapevine. Jani Barnett, presenter of this self-help

10.50 Newsnight. Up to the minute

world and domestic news plus an extended look at some of the stories that made today's headlines. Ends at 11.40.

show, has news of a Paris Council that owns a pub and a group of diesel engine makers who, after being made redundant, decided to run the business themselves.

embition to become a doctor

sees the padre, Fr Mulcahy, being led to some

rides to Milan to meet with the

4.20 Madebout. The first of a new series about hobbies introduced by Michael Bentine. His guest is disc jockey Dave Lee Travis. Fantare for Young Musicians. Five more

9.30 For Schoots: Insight for the hearing impalred 9.47 Picture Box 10.40 The work of the baker 10.16 A visit to the Saumur riding academy 10.38 Living in Bradford 11.02 Christmas celebrations 11.20 The defeat of germs 11.39 How we used to five 12.00 The Munch Bunch. Animated vegetables for the very young 12.10 Rainbow Learning with puppers 12.30 Turning Point. Colin Morris talks to a lady who has found help at Al-Anon, the association that helps families of drinkers 1.00 News with Peter Sissons 1.20 Thames News 1.30 Armchair Thritier, High Tide. Part two and Peter Curtis re-lives the incident that sent him to prison for manslaughter (r) 2.00 After

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ittee 2.45 Charlie's Angels. The three

detectives are given another crime to solve by the unseen Charlie (r) 3.45 Emmerdale Farm (r).

4.15 Cartnon: Mixed Master.

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groups of young instrumentalists compete for a place in the limelight. The Brady Bunch. The gang, plus former astronaut James McDivitt, look for UFOs. News 6.00 Thames News.

Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the various Adult Education Courses that are svallable in the London area. Crossroads. Ron Brownlow has a touching meeting with Irls Scott. 7.00 This is Your Life, Earnon Andrews and his biographical book suprise another notable.

7.30 Coronation Street. The Ogdens go house

8.00 Bruce Meets the Girls. Eleven of them, in fact, including two of his daughters, join Bruce Forsyth in this comedy and song and dance show,

9.00 Diamonds. The final episode of the drama series based on a family firm of Halton Garden gem dealers. Frank Coleman, the deposed Managing Director, is hyling to win back his position of power. Will his sudden trip to Africa pay dividends?

10.00 News. 10.30 Film: The Parallex View (1974) starring Warren Beatty and Paula Prentiss. A crusading journalist investigates the mysterious deaths of people who witnesse a President's assassination. These investigations lead to a powerful secret agency. The film is directed by Alan J Pakula who was responsible for the tense murder mystery, Klute.

12.45 Close with a reading by Lt Col Blashford-Snell on self-eacrifice, courage and brotherly love.

Radio 4

8.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Yoday. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 Michaek: Noel Edmands.

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10.00 News.
10.02 Gardeners' Question Time visits Whitington Women's institute, Staffordshire.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Morning Story: "Two Friends."
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12.02 You and Yours.
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12.07 A Walk in the Dark A serial in five parts by Chris Bouchar,
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12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.40 The Archers.
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9.30 Kaleidoscope.†

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11.15 The Financial World Torsight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
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bert.†
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Thatcher backs shake-up for NHS finance

By Annabel Ferriman, Health Services Correspondent

Government plans to consider an insurance-based health service provoked both strong support and bitter hostility maide and outside Parliament resterday.

Government working party is now drawing up a policy document outlining alternative methods of financing the health service, which is 90 per cent paid for out of

Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife Central, said that any attempt to change the present health ser-vice would provoke a revolutionary situation but Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, at Commons Question Time, said "the principle that adequate health care should be provided for all, regardless of their ability to pay", would be protected.

The working party is nearing the end of its work. Three options are emerging for the Government to consider but in no sense are they recommendations.

A system based on the French and German model where payment of a basic insurance premium to the equivalent of a friendly society is compulsory to provide a basic level of care, but which can then be topped up by taking out additional insurance with private companies.

A system giving the right to opt out and not pay any premium at all. When the time came for medical treatment, the patient would have to pay the bill himself.

A continuation of the present tax-based system with a considerable expansion of the private sector, and tax relief for insurance premiums. It is understood that the Government will assess the options and draw up proposals, which might form the basis of

Private medical companies and the British Medical Asso-ciation welcomed the fact that the Government was con-sidering alternative financing methods while the trade unions and the National Health Service Consultants' Association condemned the

Both groups agreed, however, that the present adminis-trative costs of the health service, which now stand at between 3 and 6 per cent, would increase. The French and German insurance-based

systems cost about 10-12 per cent to administer and the United States system costs 21 per cent.

The Government came to office committed to looking at alternative methods of finan-cing the health service in order to try to increase the percentage of gross national product spent on health and

product spent on health and to improve the service.

Two civil servants, Miss Joan Firth and Mr Jeremy Hurst, visited Europe and North America respectively at the beginning of this year to study the systems used there.

On July 30, the Government announced that it was setting up a working party to look at the result of their work and to report by the beginning of 1982. Consisting predominantly of civil servants, it had two independent advisers: Mr two independent advisers: Mr Michael Lee, of Lee Donaldson

Associates, a consultant economist, and Mr Rugh Elwell, an independent consultant on health care, connected to Private Patients' Plan, the country's second largest medical insurance company cal insurance company.

Mr Anthony Grabham, chairman of council at the British
Medical Association, said it
was "right and proper" that the Government should be exploring alternative methods of financing the health service and the BMA uself had a work-

The association strongly sup-ported the health service in its present form, however, and felt that any new methods would have to be as efficient at collecting the funds as was the present method

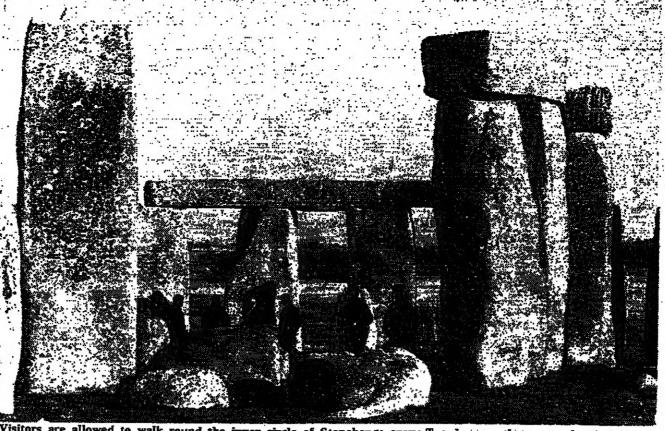
the present method.
Dr David Gullick, executive medical adviser of the British United Provident Association (BUPA), said that he favoured

(BUPA), said that he favoured a change over to an insurance-based system because he thought people appreciated what they paid for and were less inclined to waste it.

A TUC spokesman said it was "implacably opposed" to an insurance-based system. Such a scheme was heavily bureaucratic because it would involve endless chasing of involve endless chasing of

It would also make it diffi-cult to implement preventive medicine because doctors were paid for medical procedures rather than giving advice. It often led to a rapid increase in unecessary operations, as in the United States where a third of all women had had their wombs removed.

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Visitors are allowed to walk round the inner circle of Stonehenge every Tuesday now that a rope barrier, put up three years ago to prevent vandalism and erosion of stones, is being taken down once a week for three months. It was blamed for contributing to a fall of a quarter in the number of visitors to the 2,500-year-old monument.

Colour TV licences rise by £12 to £46

The price of a colour tele-vision licence went up to £46 from midnight last night—an extra £1 a month on the present fee of £34 which has been in force for two years.
The cost of a monochrome
licence rises from £12 to £15.
an increase that is by tradition

Announcing the increases for a three-year period, Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, told the Commons that new ways were being found of easing the licence fee burden: a pilot scheme next summer for payment by credit card and in the summer of 1983 a plan to pay by instalments over pose office counters.

Sir Ian Trethowan, director-general of the BBC, said, "We are sorry not to have got the £50 we wanted; but one has to recognize the general economic situation against which the Government took the decision. "With £46 over three years, something that was absolutely crucial, we will be able to maintain existing services and be able to plan for three years ahead for the first time for

many years.
"It does mean we will not be able to do everything we had planned. We will have to sit down and work out what we can afford and our priorities and that will take a few and that weeks".

He said the increases were a made a difference to the pub-uccess for the specially set-up lic's acceptance of the insuccess for the specially set-up licence campaign unit, a team of two men and two women who return to their normal BBC jobs after a year explaining the a year over the three-year BBC's case. "I think the unit period There are nearly 14 mil-

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Britain moves up three places in the European licence fee league table, from eleventh to eighth. In the left-hand table, the figures for Denmark and Holland operate from next month. All countries except Norway, Sweden, Denmark and month. All countries except Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Britain carry advertising on some services supported by the licence fee. Finland's system is two-tier, the higher amount payable in two-network regions. Seven countries charge a fee for radio only. The other table shows licence fees charged between 1922 and 1979. The separate fee for radio was abolished in 1971.

lion holders of colour licences and 14,500,000 black and white. That is 300,000 more in total than at the time of the last increase in November 1979.

The Post Office currently deducts about £33m a year for licence collection, anti-evasion measures and other services.

measures and other services from the BBC's total income, leaving it £500m.

With the increases, the BBC is expected to receive an in-come next year of £670m after deductions. That is still £30m less than independent tele-vision's net income is expected

to be.
After Mr Whitelaw made his

After Mr Whitelaw made his Commons statement there was criticism of the fact that no provision was being made at present for pensioners to pay the new fees, although there was general acceptance of the licence fee system.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on Home Affairs, also drew Mr White-law's attention to the situation of hotels like the Savoy in London which were charged for only one itence; he wanted an extra fee to be levied to take account of sets in bedrooms.

Mr Whitelaw acknowledged this anomaly and said he was prepared to consider the best-way of implementing the

Frank Johnson in the Commons

The Assumption of Shirley Williams

the first member elected to Parliament as a caudidate of the Social Democratic Party. What a wealth of pageantry

has served the nation so well for almost an entire year, Mrs Williams and her friends win nearly all the elections.

Mrs Williams arrived at the Mrs Williams arrived at the Bar of the House. She was looking very smart. This meant that she had sacked Oxfam as her conducier. The new team had kitted her our in a two-piece which a female colleague in the press gallery informed me was in French blue. That sounded vaguely improper for the representative of so religious a constituency.

By-election winners have to take their seats at the end of Question Time and ministerial statements. Yesterday there

were long statements from Mr. Whitelaw, Home Secretary, on the BBC licence fee, and Mr Howell, Secretary for Transport on these logics. Transport, on heavy lorries. Mrs Williams had to wait for over an hour. Now she knows

over an hour. Now she knows how it feels.

Members high and low came by to pay their respects.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, was granted an audience. Mr Stephen Hastings, a right-wing Tory, shook her hand. Mr Jack Ashley, for Labour, gave her a kiss on the cheek. She talked with Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the member for Thornaby and a defector to the SDP. He is presumably the man who puts

defector to the SDP. He is presumably the man who puts the wriggle in her policies.

The House was apusually crowded. People peered at Mrs Williams from all corners. The day's business alone could not justify, such a crowd. It was Mrs Williams who had drawn it. The Peers' Gallery was full. That is always a macabre sight. always a macabre sight-resembling, as it does, a tery up market eventide home or some annexe to The Times obituary column, where the distinguished await their turn.

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Opening of Mrs Shirley Williams. She took her seat as
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What a wealth of pageantry is conveyed by those simple words. Where is the latterday Dimbleby who could do justice to such a scene? (He is in the BBC, actually). It was a strictly non-controversial occasion. All her public appearances are. Being one of the SDP she is of course not allowed, under the British Constitution, to make known her political opinions. As a right to rebuke them. Alas, result of this system, which he got nowhere with Mrs museum is so old it ought to be in a museum. Mr Foot was right to rebuke them. Alas, he got nowhere with Mrs Thancher.

Thancher.

Next, Mrs Williams had to linger on while Mr. Willie Whitelaw put up the BBC licence fee and there was a long quarrel about the effect on old age pensioners. Mrs Williams would have noticed that our traditions had not changed during her absence since the last general election. For Mr Whitlaw produced a fine Willie-ism.

fine Willie ism.

A Willie ism, it will be remembered, is a remark similar to the one he made during the 1976 Common Market referendum when he accused the Labour Party of "going around stirring up aparty."

Yesterday someone asked whether, in view of the anomalies, he would examine alternatives. With characteristic compassion, he replied:

We are examining alternative anomalies."

As soon as Mr Whitelaw

As soon as Mr Whitelaw sat down, Mrs Thairher and Mr Foot had an excuse to leave and thus avoid viewing the Assumption of Shirley. But Mr Edward Heath stayed on, being prepared to sir through Mr Secretary for Transport on heavy lorries. Mr Heath has no interest in heavy lorries, except one which might cause a vacancy in the office previously held by himself.

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Up market eventide home or some annexe to The Times oath and passed out of view. Mr. Hearth left. He had not had such a good time since turn.

Prime Minister's Questions got under way. Mr. Michael foot, Leader of the Opposi
The test of Mrs. Williams's career will be discussed in this space.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Tomorrow's events

11, and with the Duke of Edinburgh attends reception at

merce, 6.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as a trustee of the National Maritime Museum, attends trustees' meeting at the museum. Greenwich, 10 am, and as Colonel-in-Chief. Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, visits Army Scaling Authority, Woolwich, 12.30. At 8 pm he attends dinner given by

Royal Navy Club in Porter Tun Princess Alexandra visits Park Room, Whitbreads, Chiswell Lane Fair, Park Lane Hotel, Lon-Princess Margaret visits Liver-

chemistry prizes at Court Luncheon of the Worshipful Company of Salters, Salters

5 What one cannot do perfect day (7).

12 It's described between

the game (10).

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Huge caper at 25, perhaps?

8 Woodman goes round about

14 Picture George's opponent in

16 He can't say "I won't be a

18 Favours shown to the elector-

19 One liable to take a sound

22 Where Burlington Bertie's

Solution to Puzzle No 15,694

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went shopping? (6).

24 Pat her on the knee (4).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,695

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1 A man of moods, perhaps (10). 9 Smoke swirling round one in porthern parts (6). 10 As far as a beautician can go?

(4-4)11 Descartes, aged sort apostate (8).

12 A trifle to give this playwright a kick (4). 13 But not the home of Scotland Yard (4-6).

15 The outlook at Shalott damaged one of them (7). 17 It's a snip! (7). 20 Players on the other side

prohibited entry to country? 21 One among the best artistes, of course (4).

23 Staple food of some Sussex citizens? (3-5). 25 Where to see displays of

craftsmanship? (8). 26 Allure, possibly, of a film star 27 Give the head of department a

2 Inclined to be jaunty? (6). 3 Tynwald's available personnel

little publicity (10).

hence Cleopatra's needle.

Exhibitions pool.
The Duke of Kent presents

Exhibitions

"Portrait Award 1981",
National Portrait Gallery, 10-5.

"Sandro Chia", 23 Dering
Street, New Bond Street, London,
10-5.
Children's paintings, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High
Street, London, 10-5.30.
"Hurry Along Please—100 years
of public transport in Oxfordshire", Oxfordshire County
Museum, 10-4. Museum, 10-4.

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Talks, lectures
"Conservation in Britain",
Natural History Museum, 10-6.
"Greek grave reliefs", Anne
Pearson, 11.30, "Who were the
Somerians?", David Williams,
1.15, British Museum.
"War Without Winners",
Middlesex Hospital Medical
School, Cleveland St, St Pancras,
London, 5.30.
"Earthquakes", 11.0, "The
Granites of Britain", 2.30,
Geological Museum, South Kensington, London.
Music Music

Music
Pelsted School Chamber Choir,
Sr Mary-le-Bow, 1.05.
Recital by Mark Van Der Wiel
(clarinet) and Robert Lockhart
(plano) St John's Smith Square,
Westmuster, 1.15.
Recital by Hoist Singers of
London, St Margaret's, Westminster, 7.45.
Terry Smith Blues Band, The
Canteen, 4 Great Queen Street,
Covent Garden, 9pm-lam.
Walks

Walks " Best of British Pubs Night meet Bond Street Tube, 7.30. Poetry Reading by Peter Bland and Peter Reading, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London, 7.30.

The papers

The Daily Mirror supports the channel tunnel scheme suggested by a consortium headed by British Steel. It would be privately funded, create 100,000 British jobs, and improve trade the paper says. It would show that even in a depression Britain has enough faith to launch the biggest building project over undertaken building project ever undertaken

The Daily Express comments on the near miss between an Andover of the Queen's Flight, with Prince Philip at the controls, and a jumbo let carrying 200 holiday-makers. It asked why the Duke, at 60, was flying a 17-year-old alderaft from Salford to Gatwick. "Even if the aircraft is not too-old to fly, he is too old to be flying it." The Duke should stop flying it." The Duke should steplaying Biggles the paper says.

Music best sellers

Best selling records last week were: 1. Holst: The Planets—Karajan (DC2332019). 2. Elgar: Sea Pictures and Marches—Handley (CFP40363). 3. Poulenc: Les Biches Suite—Pretre (HMV ASD4067). 4, Delius: The Fenby Legacy — Fenby (Unicorn DKP9008-9). 5. Beethoven: Violin Concerto — Giulini/Perlman (HMV ASD4059). 6, Ponchielli: La Giaconda—Bartoletti (Decca D232D3). 7. Tippett: King Priam—Atherton (Decca D246D3). 8. List: Orchestral Works Vol I—Masur (HMV SLS5233). 9, Beethoven: Symphony No 9—Boehm (DG2741009). 10. Bartok: Concerto for Orchestra—Solri (Decca SXDL/336).

The Times list of best-selling books

Hardback			
Hangovers	Clement Freud/ Bill Tidy	Sheldon Press	£3.95
Robot Royal Wedding	Jan Pienkowski Audrey Daly	Heinemann Ladvbird	£3.86
is and Out of the Garden Guinness Book of Records 1982 HRH Princess Margarets A Life	Sara Midda	Sidgwick & Jackson Guinness	£5.95
Unfulfilled	Nigel Demoster	Quartet	E7.85
The Day Job	Terry Wogan	Queen Anna Press	€5,25
The Kingdom Trevor Brooking	Robert Lacey Trevor Brooking/	Hutchineon	29.95
	Brian Scovall	Pelham	\$6.95
Spot's First Walk	Eric Hill	Heinemann	23.95

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Australia S	1.73	1.66
Austria Sch	32.10	30.00
Belghum Fr	83.75	79.75
Canada S	2.38	2.29
Denmark Kr	14.45	13.75
France Fr	11.38	10.78
Germany DM	4.51	4.27
Greece Dr	122.00	114.00
Hongkong.\$	11.45	10.85
Ireland Pd	1.27	1.22
	2420.00	2320,00
Japan Yen	446.00	420.00
Netherlands Glo		4.68
Portugal Esc	132.00	125.00
South Africa Ro	1 1.92	1.76
Spain Pta	193.00	184.00
Sweden Kr	11.04	10.50
Switzerland Fr	3.65	3.43
USA S	2.01	1.94

London: The FT Index fell 7.0 New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 1.24 at 890.22.

Auctions today

Sonhams, Montpelier Street: watercolours and drawings, 11. Christie's, King Street: English silver, 11; modern prints and illustrated books, 11 and 2.30. Christie's, South Kensington: carpets and objects of art, 10.30; English and Continental pictures, 10.30 and 2; furniture, 1; domestic metalware, 2. Phillips, Blenheim Street: English and Continental ceramics and glass, 11; dolls ental ceramics and glass, 11; dolls pain Street: English and Commental ceramics and glass, 11; dolls and related material, 12. Sotheby's, Boad Street: Impressionist paintings, 11; Impressionist drawings, 3.15. Sotheby's, Belgtavia: English furniture and works of art, 11.

Sporting fixtures

Football : Football League Cup. fourth round: Barnsley v Man-chester City (7.30); Nottingnam Forest v Tranmere Rovers (7.30): Tottenham Hotspur v Fulham (7.45). Third round replay. Bradford City v Ipswich Town (7.30). FA Cup. first round, second replay: Port Vale v Lincoln City (7.30). Third Division: Chester v Doncaster Rovers

Racing: Fontwell Park (12.45), Ayr (12.30), Parliament today.

Commons (2.30): Debate on Oposition motion on emergency in prisons and ways to overcome it. Lords (2.30): Debate on effects of government policies on education, training opportunities and industrial efficiency.

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Kingdom or Brooking	Robert Lacey Trevor Brooking/	Hutchineon	29.95
	Brian Scovali	Pelham	₹6.95
's First Walk	Eric Hill	Heinemann	£3.95
Times list is based on to verified retail sales throug	ade sales through	Hammick's to 400 book bookshops and 20 other	eshops ra

23 (A512, Loughborough) and junction 24 (A453, East Midlands airport). MS: Only one lane in use southbound from junction 7 (A44, Worcester, south) to junction 8 (M50 intersection). A422: Roadworks one mile south of Stratford mile south Warwickshire.

The North: A1: Outside lanes closed at various points between Poutefract and Wetherby, West Yorkshire. A59: Temporary traffic lights at Skipton, North Yorkshire. A177/B6291: Delays at Coxhos by pass, co Durham. Today's anniversaries

Hernan Cortés, conqueror of Mexico, died at Seville, 1547; John Brown, United Stares abolitionist, was hanged at Charlestown jall, 1859. St Paul's Cathedral opened, 1697. Napoleon defeated Austrians and Eustine at Austrians and Eustine at Austrians. Russians at Austerlitz, 1805.

Christmas dates

During the Christmas and New Year periods yellow line parking restrictions will continue to be enforced in greater London, Many restrictions will apply even on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, but parking meter spaces will be free.

Phoning Children can telephone Santa Claus from December 8 to 29 for a story. The number in London is 246 8020. In most other places it is 8020 preceded by the area code. Posting

Posting
Next Saturday is the latest recommended posting dare for christmas cards, letters, printed papers and parcels sem by ship to BFPOs 15 to 50 and 182-110, and by air to BFPOs 10, 162, 605 and 656, Other airmall deadlines: December 14, BFPOs 6, 8, 15-50, 14. December 9, BFPOs 1 and 2 (and by ship to BFPOs 801 to 809, 811, 813 and 825). December 12, BFPOs 12, 33, 57, 58 and 567. December 14, BFPOs 6, 8, 15-50, 52, 54, 102-110 and 163. December 15, BFPOs 301-809, 811, 813 and 825.

Banking
London clearing banks will close at 12 noon on Thursday, December 24, and reopen on Tuesday, December 29, and be closed all day Friday, January 1.

Weather

Large anticyclone slowmoving to SW of Britain with weak trough moving S over England and Wales. 6 am to midnight

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Central S, Central R, SW Empland, Mid-lands: Early for particles, bright intervals, hecoming rather cloudy with perhaps a little drizzle later; wind ffW, light; must temp 6 or 7C (43 to 45F).

Channel islands: Mainly dry, bright periods, becoming rather cloudy; wind MW, light; must temp 8C (46F).

Wales, MW Empland: Rather cloudy, occasional drizzle in places, Mil for; wind MW, Hight; must temp 9C (48F), lake District, Isla ef Bran, SW, NE, MW Scattend, Einspow, Ampli, Orbany: Rather cloudy occasional drizzle, Mil for, becoming mainly dry and heighter may from W consts; wind RW, backing SW, light; must be Empland. Business, Edinbarul, Dumbes, Contral Highteauth, Menny Frith Rather cloudy possibly a fittle drizzle, developing; wind W, Beht; max temp 8C

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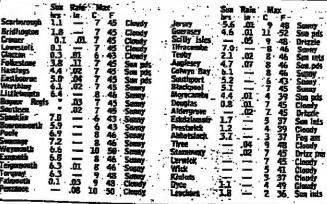
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Temps: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 7c (45)?"); Am, 6 pm to 6 am, 3c (57)?"]. Humedity: pm, 66 per cent. Bauer: 24hr to 6 pm, trage. Sur 24hr to 6 pm, 1,6hr Ber, man ser level, 6 pm, 1,028.7 millibars. Highest and lowest

Satellite predictions



Around Britain



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